ANNUAL REPORT OF

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES



TOWN OF ORANGE

MASSACHUSETTS

FOR THE YEAR OF 2020

Robert M. Ellison, Sr.

"Big Bob, Mr. E"

April 3, 1933 – January 23, 2021



Bob was the son of Florence and Edward A. Ellison, Sr. and grew up in Somerville, MA. He and his wife, Ann-Marie, moved to Orange from Ludlow in 1959 and made it their home.

Bob was the Director of Music at Ralph C. Mahar Regional High School for more than 35 years teaching junior and senior high bands and choruses, and where he created the Swinging Senators Marching Band, a source of pride and joy for the whole community. He arranged and composed fabulous music and drafted exuberant marching productions, (marching and moving formations for nearly 170 pieces!) for the football halftime shows, including two half time shows for the New England Patriots in the early 1970s and for soccer's New England Tea Men.

Bob also believed in giving back and doing good deeds. He was the Local Chairman and Chief Fundraiser, along with his students, for many years for the American Heart Association, and fielded yearly trips to Boston Children's Hospital for Christmas concerts on the Pediatric Cardiac Care Unit and throughout the hospital. Bob was always ready to put on a parade or concert, stopping mid parade to perform for The Eastern Star Home residents and other eldercare facilities.

Bob will be most remembered for the vast quantities of students whose lives he touched through the music programs. He actively recruited any and all students into his non-auditioned groups, firmly believing that music was for everybody, and everybody belonged


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ORANGE TOWN OFFICES

DEPARTMENT	ADDRESS	PHONE	FAX
Accountant	6 Prospect Street	978-544-1100, x111	978-544-1120
Airport	80 Airport Road	977-544-8189	978-544-1126
Ambulance, Emergency Only		911	
Assessors	6 Prospect Street	978-544-1100, x108	978-544-1120
Board of Health	135 East Main Street	978-544-1107	978-544-1138
Building Department	135 East Main Street	978-544-1105	978-544-1138
Cemetery Department	585 South Main Street	978-544-3681	
Collector	6 Prospect Street	978-544-1100, x104	978-544-1134
Council on Aging/Senior Center	135 East Main Street	978-544-3481	
Fire Department – Headquarters	18 Water Street	978-544-3145	978-544-6476
Fire Department – To report a fire		911	
Highway Department	526 East River Street	978-544-1111	978-544-1141
Landfill/Recycling	25 Jones Street	978-544-1118	978-544-1120
Library – Moore-Leland	Athol Road	978-575-0444	
Library – Wheeler Memorial	49 East Main Street	978-544-2495	
Meal Site	135 East Main Street	978-544-7082	
Police Dept. – Emergency Only	400 East River Street	911	
Police Dept. – General Business	400 East River Street	978-544-2129	978-544-3070
School Dept. – Dexter Park	75 Dexter Street	978-544-6080	978-544-1123
School Dept. – Fisher Hill	59 Dexter Street	978-544-0018	978-544-5703
School Dept. – Kitchen	59 Dexter Street	978-544-1127	
School Dept. – Special Needs	507 South Main Street	978-544-6980	
School Dept. – Superintendent	507 South Main Street	978-544-6763	978-544-3450
School Dept. – Superintendent	507 South Main Street	978-544-1125	
Selectmen	6 Prospect Street	978-544-1100, x106	978-544-1120
Town Administrator	6 Prospect Street	978-544-1100, x103	978-544-1120
Town Clerk	6 Prospect Street	978-544-1100, x101	978-544-1134
Treasurer	6 Prospect Street	978-544-1100, x103	978-544-1120
Waste Water Treatment Facility	295 West Main Street	978-544-1114	978-544-1120
Water & Sewer Billing	6 Prospect Street	978-555-1100, x102	978-544-1120
Water Department	16 West Myrtle Street	978-544-1115	978-544-1122

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 2020

ELECTED BOARDS AND OFFICERS

SELECTMEN

Thomas Smith	March 2023
Jane M. Peirce	March 2023
Ryan W. Mailloux	March 2021
Alexandre A. Schwanz	March 2021
Patricia A. Lussier	March 2022

MODERATOR

Christopher J. Woodcock	March 2021

TOWN CLERK

Nancy M. Blackmer, MMC, CMMC	March 2023

BOARD OF HEALTH

Jane M. Peirce	March 2021
Josefa D. Scherer	March 2023
Patricia D. Pierson	March 2022

CONSTABLES

Randy D. Plante	March 2022
Arthur F. Savage	March 2022
James E. Gallagher	March 2022

ORANGE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Alexandre A. Schwanz	March 2023
Dianne A. Salcedo	March 2023
Stephanie J. Conrod	March 2021
Danielle M. Andersen	March 2021
Patrick C. Davis	March 2022
Elizabeth A. Cross	March 2022
Karen F. Perkins	March 2022

REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Patricia A. Smith	March 2021
Chante M. Jillson	March 2021
Peter M. Cross	March 2022
Christopher D. Paul	March 2022
Patrick C. Davis	March 2023
Sunday D. Lefebvre	March 2023

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Maria M. Bull	March 2021
Nathaniel J. Johnson	March 2021
Candace L. Cross	March 2022
Sandra M. Johnson	March 2022
Joanne E. Woodcock	March 2023
Robin P. Shtulman	March 2023

WATER COMMISSIONERS

Michael F. Hume	March 2021
Donald W. Priestley	March 2023
Carl L. Sauter	March 2022

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Stephen P. Johnson	March 2023
George C.F. Willard	March 2022
Travis S. Knechtel	March 2021

TRUSTEE OF SOLDIERS' MEMORIALS

Bruce A. St. John – Veteran	March 2023
Douglas S. McIntosh – Veteran	March 2022
Michelle L. LeBlanc – Non-Veteran	March 2022
Scott A. Hubbard – Veteran	March 2021
Christopher J. Marshall – Non-Veteran	March 2021

HOUSING AUTHORITY

	March 2023
Olinto J. Paoletti	March 2025
	March 2021
Tracy S. Gaudet	March 2022
Rice B. Flanders (Governor's Appointee)	May 22, 2011

APPOINTED BOARDS AND OFFICERS

ACCOUNTANT

Gail Weiss

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION (5)

Rachel Gonzalez	March 2023
	March 2021
John N. Moore, III	March 2021
Christian Hains	March 2022
	March 2022

AIRPORT COMMISSION (5)

Julie Cole	March 2021
Steven Canning	March 2022
Scott Parker	March 2022
Cain Blackbird	March 2023
Clay Rushford	March 2023

ARMORY COMMISSION (5)

	March 2023
	March 2023
	March 2022
William Ruby	March 2021
Paul Robichaud	March 2021

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Lisa Elliott	March 2022
Cynthia Brown	March 2023

Brenda Piro	March 2021

BOARD OF HEALTH AGENT

Matthew Fortier

BOARD OF REGISTRARS (3)

Joanne Woodcock	March 2023
Pamela Rogers	March 2021
Darren Alston	March 2022

BROWNFIELDS STEERING COMMITTEE

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

Philip Harris	March 2021

INSPECTOR OF WIRES

Warren Jenks	March 2021
Keith Colturi (Alternate)	March 2021

PLUMBING AND GAS INSPECTOR

Casey Bashaw	March 2021
Michael Woodard (Alternate)	March 2021

CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (3)

Nancy M. Blackmer

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE (5 plus alternate)

Rick Innes	March 2021
Robert Michaud	March 2023
Jane Peirce	March 2022

(Alternate)

CHIEF OPERATOR, WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY

Edward Billiel

COLLECTOR

Kim Lively	

CONSERVATION BOARD (7)

	March 2023
	March 2023
Edward Berry	March 2021
	March 2021
	March 2022
Timothy Newton	March 2022
Sarah Wells	March 2022

COUNCIL ON AGING (9)

Henry Oertel	March 2022
Sunday Lefebvre	March 2022
Nancy Magill	March 2022
Jerilynn Deyo	March 2023
	March 2023
Nancy Sawyer	March 2023
Bonita Bradshaw	March 2021
Heather O'Connor	March 2021
Joanne Wheeler	March 2021

DISABILITY COMMISSION (5)

	March 2022
Michael Batutis	March 2021
Liz Rivera	March 2021
Nathaniel Johnson	March 2023
	March 2023

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INDUSTRIAL CORP. (7)

Gabriele Voelker	July 2021
	July 2021

Karl Bittenbender	July 2022
Mark Wright	July 2022
Sara Lyman	July 2022
Richard Sheridan	July 2023
Marc Ostberg	July 2023

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

James Young	March 2021

FINANCE COMMITTEE (7)

David Welenc	June 2021
Anthony Leger	June 2021
Kathy Reinig	June 2021
	June 2022
George D. Hunt	June 2022
Keith LaRiviere	June 2023
Kimberly Emond	June 2023

FIRE CHIEF

James Young	March 2021

DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF

William Gale	

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

James Young	March 2022

DEPUTY FOREST FIRE WARDENS

William Gale	March 2022
Mark Fortier	March 2022
Jeff Hamberg	March 2022
James Hopkins	March 2022

FRANKLIN COUNTY REGIONAL TECH. SCHOOL

Cain Blackbird	June 2023
Alec MacLeod	June 2022

FRCOG REGIONAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

James Young

FRCOG REGIONAL PLANNING BOARD

Mercedes Clingerman (Planning Board) Jane Peirce

FRCOG REPRESENTATIVE

Gabriele Voelker Jane Peirce (Alternate)

F.R.T.A. ADVISORY BOARD

GREATER FRANKLIN COUNTY CEDS

HISTORICAL COMMISSION (3-7)

Sally Davis	March 2023
	March 2023
Sandra Fawn	March 2021
Tim Sakach	March 2021
	March 2021
Barbara Coburn	March 2022
Jocelyn Songer	March 2022

HUMAN RESOURCE BOARD (5)

	July 2021
	July 2021
Douglas Engstrom	July 2023
Laurie MacDonald	July 2022
	July 2022

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Jessica Magelaner

MASTER PLANNING COMMITTEE (9)

Mercedes Clingerman	Paul Lyman	
Sandra Fawn	Jane Peirce	Brenda Piro

MOBIL RENT CONTROL BOARD (3)

Randi Bjorlin	March 2023
Ryan Mailloux	March 2022
George Willard	March 2021

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

Heather Stone	Noah Stone
Patricia Smith	Alec MacLeod

ORANGE CULTURAL COUNCIL (no limit)

Judy Bisinger	March 2021
Judy Johnson	March 2021
Kenneth Johnson	March 2021
Susan Marshall	March 2021
Laura Pepper	March 2021

PLANNING BOARD (5)

Todd Soucy	March 2021
John McHale	March 2023
Casey Bashaw	March 2024
Kelli Gervais	March 2022
Mercedes Clingerman	March 2025
(Alternate)	March 2025

POLICE CHIEF

James Sullivan

REP. TO FRANKLIN COUNTY SOLID WASTE

MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Priscilla Curtis	March 2022
Ed Billiel, Jr.	

SANITATION SUPT.

Robert Smith, Jr.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Philip Harris March 2021

SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAY, PARKS, & CEMETERY

Colin Killay March 2022

SUPERINTENDENT OF WATER

Ken Wysk

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Gabriele Voelker

TOWN HALL RESTORATION COMMITTEE

Pennie Smith	Maureen Riendeau	William Johnson
Pamela Smith	Denise Andrews	Deborah Kent

TREASURER

Gabriele Voelker, Temporary

TREE WARDEN

Colin Killay March 2022

VETERANS AGENT

Sarah Custer

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (5)

Casey Bashaw	March 2021
Kelli Gervais	March 2021
John McHale	March 2022
Todd Soucy	March 2023
Mercedes Clingerman	March 2023
George Hunt, Jr. (Alternate)	March 2021
(Alternate)	March 2023

Dog Report

Total Licenses Sold	1,119
Total Kennel Sold	5

Vital Statistics

Births	Marriages	Deaths
49	24	94

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Blackmer, MMC/CMMC

Town Clerk

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN

SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

FRANKLIN,SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Orange, in the County of Franklin:

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Primaries to meet at the Armory at 135 East Main Street in said, Orange, Massachusetts on **TUESDAY, THE THIRD DAY OF MARCH, 2020** from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the Presidential Primary for the candidates of political parties for the following offices:

Presidential Preference For this Commonwealth

State Committee Man Hampshire, Franklin, Worcester District

State Committee Woman Hampshire, Franklin, Worcester District

Town Committee Town of Orange

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Town Hall, Post Office in Orange and Library in North Orange, seven days at least before the time of holding such election.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 22nd day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty.

Ryan Mailloux

Jane Peirce

William Wrigley

Selectmen, Town of Orange

A true copy. ATTEST:

Randy Plante, Constable of Orange

FRANKLIN,SS.

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Orange, by posting up attested copies of the same at the Post Office in Orange and the Library in North Orange seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Randy Plante, Constable of Orange February 12, 2020

Pres. Primary - Orange			
March 3, 2020			
	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Total
Total Registered Voters	2494	2521	5015
Democrat Ballots Cast	567	552	1119
Green-Rainbow	2	2	4
Libertarian	5	5	10

30%

Republican Ballots Cast	192	170	362
Total Ballots Cast	766	729	1495
Democrat			
PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE			
Deval Patrick	7	5	12
Amy Klobuchar	6	4	10
Elizabeth Warren	98	83	181
Michael Bennet	0	1	1
Michael R. Bloomberg	57	40	97
Tulsi Gabbard	8	7	15
Cory Booker	0	0	0
Julian Castro	0	0	0
Tom Steyer	9	10	19
Bernie Sanders	212	216	428
Joseph R. Biden	147	171	318
John K. Delaney	0	0	0
Andrew Yang	2	0	2
Pete Buttigieg	16	11	27
Marianne Williamson	0	0	0
No Preference	4	1	5
Write-In	1	1	2
Blank	0	2	2
			0
STATE COMMITTEE MAN			0
David J. Narkewicz	387	378	765
Write-In	3	4	7
Blank	177	170	347

STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN			
Write-In	74	86	160
Blank	493	466	959
			0
WARD COMMITTEE			0
Group	170	179	349
Kimberly A. Marshall	298	311	609
Denise Andrews	311	309	620
Ruth E. Fetzer	214	222	436
Alexandre A. Schwanz	274	277	551
Write-in	11	18	29
Thomas Ziniti	2	11	13
Blank	397	373	770
Green-Rainbow			
PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE			
Dario Hunter	0	1	1
S. K.C. Moyowasifza-Curry	0	0	0
Kent Mesplay	1	0	1
Howard Hawkins	1	0	1
No Preference	0	1	1
Write-In	0	0	0
Blank	0	0	0
STATE COMMITTEE MAN			
Write-In	0	0	0

Blank	2	2	4
STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN			
Write-In	0	0	0
Blank	2	2	4
TOWN COMMITTEE			
Write-In	0	2	2
Blank	20	18	38
Libertarian			
PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE			
Arvin Vohra	0	0	0
Vermin Love Supreme	1	1	2
Jacob George Hornberger	0	0	0
Samuel Joseph Robb	0	0	0
Dan T.I.T. Behrman	0	0	0
Kimberly Margaret Ruff	1	0	1
Kenneth Reed Armstrong	1	1	2
Adam Kokesh	0	0	0
Jo Jorgensen	1	0	1
Max Abramson	0	0	0
No Preference	0	2	2
Write-In	1	1	2
Blank	0	0	0
STATE COMMITTEE MAN			

Write-In	1	1	2
Blank	4	4	8
STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN			
Write-In	1	0	1
Blank	4	5	9
WARD COMMITTEE			
Write-In	0	1	1
Blank	50	49	99
Republican			
PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE			
William F. Weld	17	15	32
Joe Walsh	1	1	2
Donald J. Trump	171	152	323
Roque "Rocky" De La Fuente	0	0	0
No Preference	1	2	3
Write-In	2	0	2
Blank	0	0	0
STATE COMMITTEE MAN			
Jay S. Fleitman	145	132	277
Write-In	0	4	4
Blank	47	34	81

STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN			
Mary L Stuart	148	133	281
Write-In	0	3	3
Blank	44	34	78
WARD COMMITTEE			
Group	88	77	165
Mary Vidonia Maldonado	115	92	207
Louis P. Maldonado, Jr.	107	90	197
Raymond M. Younghans	130	116	246
Patricia A. Lussier	118	106	224
Write-In	0	2	2
Blank	1450	1294	2744

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

March 30, 2020

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

FRANKLIN, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Orange, in the County of Franklin:

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Elections to meet at the Armory at 135 East Main Street in said, Orange, Massachusetts on Monday, March 30, 2020 from 10:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the Annual Town Election for the following officers: 2 members of the Selectman for 3 years, Selectman for 2 years, Selectman for 1 year, Moderator for 1 year, Town Clerk for 3 years, Board of Health for 3 years, 2 members of the Elementary School Committee for 3 years, 1 member of the Elementary School Committee for 2 years, 2 members of the Regional School Committee for 3 years, 2 Library Trustees for 3 years, Water Commissioner for 3 years, Cemetery Commissioner for 3 years, Cemetery Commissioner for 1 year, Trustee of Soldiers' Memorials – Veteran - 3 years, Trustee of Soldiers' Memorials – Veteran – 2 years, Housing Authority for 5 years, Housing Authority for 3 years.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Town Hall, Post Office in Orange and Library in North Orange, seven days at least before the time of holding such election.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 5th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty.

Ryan Mailloux

Jane Peirce

William Wrigley

Selectmen, Town of Orange

A true copy. ATTEST:

Randy Plante, Constable of Orange

FRANKLIN, SS.

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Orange, by posting up attested copies of the same at the Post Office in Orange and the Library in North Orange seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Randy Plante, Constable of Orange February 12, 2020

Due to COVID-19, the Annual Town Election was postponed until June 1, 2020 and was held at R. C. Mahar from Noon to 7:00 p.m.

Total Registered Voters	2502	2540	5042	6/1/2020
Total Voted	383	412	795	16%
	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Total	
Selectman, 3 Years				
Jane Peirce	223	263	486	
John Avila	26	15	41	
Donna Dubour	67	81	148	
Richard Sheridan	122	136	258	
Thomas Smith	265	280	545	
Write-ins	2	1	3	
Blanks	61	48	109	
Selectman, 2 years			0	
Patrick Davis	172	174	346	
Patricia Lussier	179	219	398	
Write-ins	2	0	2	
Blanks	30	19	49	
Selectman, 1 year			0	
Alexandre Schwanz	181	218	399	

George Willard	182	179	361
Write-ins	0	0	0
Blanks	20	15	35
Moderator			
Christopher Woodcock	326	372	698
Write-in	3	0	3
Blanks	52	40	92
Town Clerk			
Nancy Blackmer	338	371	709
Write-in	1	0	1
Blanks	44	41	85
Board of Health. 3 years			
Write-in	14	13	27
Josefa Scherer	51	71	122
Blanks	318	328	646
Elem. School Comm. 3 Years			
Dianne Salcedo	280	317	597
Alexandre Schwanz	280	302	582
Write-in	7	8	15
Blanks	199	197	396
Elem. School Comm. 2 Years.			
Write-ins	23	17	40
Elizabeth Cross	4	9	13

Blanks	356	386	742
Regional School Comm. 3 Years			
Sunday Lefebvre	300	321	621
Write-in	9	13	22
Blanks	309	490	799
Library Trustee			
Robin Shtulman	280	310	590
Joanne Woodcock	316	349	665
Write-in	2	1	3
Blanks	168	164	332
Water Commissioner			
Donald Priestley	314	350	664
Write-in	3	0	3
Blanks	66	64	130
Cemetery Commissioner. 3 years			
Stephen Johnson	328	352	680
Write-in	1	1	2
Blanks	54	59	113
Cemetery Commissioner. 1 year			
Travis Knechtel	326	355	681
Write-ins	1	0	1
Blanks	56	57	113

Soldiers' Mem.-Veteran, 3 years			
Bruce St. John	320	360	680
Write-in	1	0	1
Blanks	62	52	114
Soldiers' Mem.-Veteran, 2 years			
Douglas McIntosh	326	350	676
Write-in	1	0	1
Blanks	56	62	118
Housing Authority, 5 years			
Olinto Paoletti	320	352	672
Write-in	2	1	3
Blanks	60	60	120
Housing Authority, 3 years			
Write-in	18	16	34
Blanks	365	396	761

TOWN OF ORANGE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Special Town Meeting

June 15, 2020

FRANKLIN SS:

To the Constables of the Town of Orange, in the County of Franklin:

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote on Town affairs, to meet at Ralph C. Mahar, football field, located at 507 South Main Street, in said Orange on Monday, the fifteenth day in June 2020, at six in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles:

A quorum being present, the Moderator called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Shirley Page Community Pride Award was presented to William Ruby for all he has done for the Armory.

ARTICLE 1: SNOW & ICE
To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of $83,211.14 from Free Cash to Snow and Ice to cover the deficit; or take any other action relative thereto.

I move that the Town vote to transfer the sum of $83,211.14 from Free Cash to Snow and Ice to cover the deficit.

Motion passed.

ARTICLE 2: PRIOR YEAR BILL – SEWER ENTERPRISE EXPENSES
To see if the Town will vote the sum of $498.00 from Sewer Enterprise Expenses to pay Pan Am Southern, LLC in accordance with M.G.L. c.44, §64, Appropriation to Pay Uncertain Unpaid Bills of Previous Years, or take any action relative thereto.

I move that the Town vote the sum of $498.00 from Sewer Enterprise Expenses to pay Pan Am Southern, LLC in accordance with M.G.L. c.44, §64, Appropriation to Pay Uncertain Unpaid Bills of Previous Years

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 3: SEWER REFUND
To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Sewer Retained Earnings the sum of $3,019.57 to refund Sewer FY18 and FY19 overbilling to K.J. Mack Realty Trust in accordance with M.G.L. c.44, §64, Appropriation to Pay Uncertain Unpaid Bills of Previous Years, or take any action relative thereto.

I move that the Town vote to appropriate from Sewer Retained Earnings the sum of $3,019.57 to refund Sewer FY18 and FY19 overbilling to K.J. Mack Realty Trust in accordance with M.G.L. c.44, §64, Appropriation to Pay Uncertain Unpaid Bills of Previous Years.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 4: PRIOR YEAR BILL – FIRE DEPARTMENT

To see if the Town will vote the sum of $264.79 from Fire Department Expense to pay Moore Enterprises in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 64-Appropriation to Pay Certain Unpaid Bills of Previous Years, or take any action relative thereto.

I move that the Town vote the sum of $264.79 from Fire Department Expense to pay Moore Enterprises in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 64-Appropriation to Pay Certain Unpaid Bills of Previous Years.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 5: PRIOR YEAR BILL – FIRE DEPARTMENT

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Fire Department Wages to Fire Department Training Wages 001-224-5148-1000, or take any action relative thereto.

I move that the Town will vote to transfer $9,000.00 from Fire Department Wages to Fire Department Training Wages 001-224-5148-1000.

Motion passed, unanimously.

Motion to dissolve the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 20th day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Ryan Mailloux

Jane Peirce

William Wrigley

Selectmen, Town of Orange

A true copy. ATTEST:

Randy Plante, Constable of Orange

FRANKLIN, SS.

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Orange, by posting up attested copies of the same at the Post Office in Orange and the Library in North Orange fourteen days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

FISCAL YEAR 2021

MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2020 AT 6:00 P.M.

FRANKLIN, SS:

To either of the Constables of the Town of Orange, in the County of Franklin:

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote on Town affairs, to meet at Ralph C. Mahar, football field, located at 507 South Main Street, in said Orange on Monday, the fifteenth day in June 2020, at six in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles:

The amount of available "Free Cash" for the General Fund, certified by the Director of Accounts is **$457,739**

The amount of "Retained Earnings" for the Water Enterprise Fund, certified by the Director of Accounts is $89,239

The amount of "Retained Earnings" for the Sewer Enterprise Fund, certified by the Director of Accounts is $84,772

A quorum being present, the Moderator called the meeting to order following the Special Town Meeting.

I move that the Town vote to take out of order Articles 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15 and that they be "passed by consent".

- Article 1: Town Report
- Article 2: Spending Limits, Revolving Funds
- Article 3: Balance Agreements
- Article 10: Grant Applications
- Article 11: Sale of Surplus Personal Property and Real Estate
- Article 12: Sale of Tax Title Land

- Article 13: Transfer from Transfer Station Window Sticker Revenue
- Article 14: Transfer from Transfer Station Window Sticker Revenue
- Article 15: Elected Officers Compensation

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 1: TOWN REPORT

To see if the Town will accept the reports of the Officers and Committees as printed in the Annual Town Report; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 2: SPENDING LIMITS

To see if the Town will vote to approve annual spending limits for FY21 for revolving funds established in the Town Bylaws, in accordance with M.G.L. c.44, s.53E1/2, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020:

Revolving Fund	**FY21 Spending Limit**
Hazardous Spill	$ 20,000
Gas Inspector	$ 15,000
Plumbing Inspector	$ 25,000
Excavation and Trench Permit	$ 5,000
Airport Fuel	$116,000
Sealer of Weights and Measures	$ 15,000
Board of Health	$ 30,000
Landfill & Recycling	$ 30,000
Landfill & Recycling	$ 10,000
Dog Fund	$ 50,000
Planning Board	$ 25,000
Council on Aging	$ 6,000

or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 3: BALANCE AGREEMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to enter into compensating balance agreements with the approval of the Board of Selectmen during Fiscal 2021 as permitted by M.G.L. c44, §53F; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 4: WATER ENTERPRISE BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $745,084.00 for the Water Enterprise Fund beginning July 1, 2020 in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. c.44, §53F½, amount to be funded from the following sources; or take any action relative thereto.

User Charges	$734,314
Water Liens	$1,873
Other Departmental Revenue	$2,907
Investment Income	$1,990
Development Charges	$4,000
Retained Earnings	$0
Total Revenues	**$745,084**

To be expended as follows:

Direct Costs	
Salaries & Wages	$278,838
Expenses	$255,750
Equipment	$35,000
Capital Outlay	$27,000
Debt & Interest	$0
Emergency Reserve	$15,000
Subtotal	$611,588
Indirect Costs	**$133,496**
Total Expenses	**$745,084**

I move that the Town appropriate the sum of $745,084.00 for the Water Enterprise Fund beginning July 1, 2020 in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. c.44, §53F½, amount to be funded from the sources as presented.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 5: WWTP/SEWER ENTERPRISE BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $738,086.00 for the WWTP/Sewer Enterprise Fund for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. c.44, §53F½, amount to be funded from the following sources; or to take any other action relative thereto.

User Fees	$697,886
Connection Fees	$200
Sewer Liens Revenue	$40,000
Total Revenues	**$738,086**

To be expended as follows:

	Direct
Salaries & Wages	$226,576
Expenses	$245,101
Capital Outlay	$38,000
Debt & Interest	$115,261
Emergency Reserve	$10,000
Subtotal	**$634,938**
Indirect Costs	**$103,148**
Total Expenses	**$738,086**

I move that the Town appropriate the sum of $738,086.00 for the WWTP/Sewer Enterprise Fund for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. c.44, §53F½, amount to be funded from the sources as presented.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 6: CEMETERY SALE OF LOTS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize payment of $1,400.00 from Cemetery Sale of Lots Account to Josephine Songer,382 East River Street, Orange, MA 01364, to buy back her lot, Lot 68, Section 13, Spaces 1-4, at South Cemetery; or take any other action relative thereto.

I move that the Town vote to authorize payment of $1,400.00 from Cemetery Sale of Lots Account to Josephine Songer,382 East River Street, Orange, MA 01364, to buy back her lot, Lot 68, Section 13, Spaces 1-4, at South Cemetery.

I move to amend $1,400.00 to $400.00. Motion passed.

Motion to amend to change the lot reference to Lot 80, Section 4, Spaces 3 -4. Motion passed.

Motion as amended passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 7: CEMETERY SALE OF LOTS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize payment of $400.00 from Cemetery Sale of Lots Account to Virginia Robinson, 50 Redbrook Lane Apt. 7H, Orange, MA 01364, to buy back her lot, Lot 80, Section 4, Spaces 3-4, at South Cemetery; or take any other action relative thereto.

I move that the Town vote to authorize payment of $1,400.00 from Cemetery Sale of Lots Account to Virginia Robinson, 50 Redbrook Lane Apt. 7H, Orange, MA 01364, to buy back her lot, Lot 68, Section 13, Spaces 1-4, at South Cemetery.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 8: CEMETERY SALE OF LOTS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize payment of $3,500.00 from Cemetery Sale of Lots Account to Michelle Lanoue, 81 Cummings Road, Athol, MA 01331, executor of the Walter Poirer Estate, 87 Bellevue Drive, Athol, MA 01331, to buy back 8 spaces in lot 9 and 2 spaces in lot 10, in the family section at South Cemetery; or take any other action relative thereto.

I move that the Town vote to authorize payment of $3,500.00 from Cemetery Sale of Lots Account to Michelle Lanoue, 81 Cummings Road, Athol, MA 01331, executor of the Walter Poirer Estate, 87 Bellevue Drive, Athol, MA 01331, to buy back 8 spaces in lot 9 and 2 spaces in lot 10, in the family section at South Cemetery.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 9: BOOM MOWER 3RD LEASE PAYMENT

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from free cash the sum of $28,570.00 for the third-year payment on a 5-year lease for the Highway Boom Mower, or take any other action relative thereto.

I move that if the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from free cash the sum of $28,570.00 for the third-year payment on a 5-year lease for the Highway Boom Mower.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 10: GRANT APPLICATIONS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend any state and Federal grants that do not require Town appropriation; or take any other action relative thereto

ARTICLE 11: SALE OF SURPLUS PERSONAL PROPERTY AND REAL ESTATE

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen or their designee to sell or otherwise dispose of surplus or obsolete personal property and surplus real estate of the Town in accordance with Chapter 76 of the *General Bylaws of the Town of Orange* and the procedures required by M.G.L. c.30B §15 and §16; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 12: SALE OF TAX TITLE LAND

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the transfer from the Treasurer to the Board of Selectmen the care, custody and control of those parcels of land acquired by the Town through foreclosure of tax titles in the land court or commissioner's affidavit of land of low value and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, those parcels acquired by the Town by foreclosure of tax titles in the land court or commissioner's affidavit of land of low value; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 13: TRANSFER FROM TRANSFER STATION WINDOW STICKER REVENUE

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of $6,000.00 from the Transfer Station Window Sticker Revenue Account to the Landfill Monitoring/Maintenance account in accordance with M.G.L. c.44 §28C (f) to pay for expenditures of the cost of monitoring and maintenance of existing inactive landfill or other solid waste facilities; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 14: TRANSFER FROM TRANSFER STATION WINDOW STICKER REVENUE

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of $3,003.20 from Transfer Station Window Sticker Revenue account to Sanitation Wages account in accordance with M.G.L. c.44 §28C (f) to pay for expenditures of the cost of maintenance of existing inactive landfill or other solid waste facilities; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 15: ELECTED OFFICERS COMPENSATION

To see if the Town will vote to fix the compensation of all elected officers of the town as provided by M.G.L. c.41, §108 effective July 1, 2020, as contained in the budget; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 16: TOWN BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2021

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020; or take any other action relative thereto. (OMNIBUS BUDGET)

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
Selectmen Expenses	$4,030.00
Town Administrator Salary	$104,862.00
Town Administrator Wages	$41,800.00
Town Administrator Expenses	$651.00
Finance Committee Expenses	$185.00
Reserve Fund	$45,000.00
Accountant Salary	$68,603.92
Accountant Wages	$14,527.00
Accountant Expenses	$3,620.00
Audit	$25,000.00
Assessors Wages	$35,692.49
Assessors Expenses	$73,170.00
Treasurer Salary	$1,000.00
Treasurer Wages	$36,589.66
Treasurer Expenses	$10,360.70
Vadar Software Maintenance	$15,782.55
Collector Salary	$44,517.90

Collector Wages	$19,442.00
Collector Expenses	$15,060.00
Collector Tax Title Foreclosure	$3,280.00
Town Counsel	$45,000.00
HR Board Expenses	$0.00
General Office Expenses	$54,009.00
Town Clerk Salary	$48,473.12
Town Clerk Expenses	$7,519.25
Election Registrars Salaries	$650.00
Election Registrars Wages	$4,000.00
Election Expenses	$10,550.00
Conservation Commission Expenses	$214.00
CD Director Salary	$67,500.00
CD Expenses - Grant Writing	$0.00
CD Expenses	$900.00
Community Development Master Plan	$0.00
Planning Expenses	$500.00
ZBA Expenses	$97.00
Town Hall Maintenance	$41,000.00
Town Report	$2,600.00
Armory Maintenance	$38,235.00
Stabilization Fund	$0.00
Tax Title Expenses	$20,000.00
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	***$904,421.59***
PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY	
Police Chief's Salary	$101,000.00
Police Salaries and Wages	$977,493.19

Police Expenses	$92,190.00
Fire Chief's Wages	$105,940.00
Fire/EMS Wages	$925,296.00
Fire/EMS Expenses	$250,000.00
Emergency Management Director	$3,000.00
Building Commissioner Salary	$63,000.00
Building Department Wages	$23,834.00
Building Department Expenses	$4,536.00
Demolition Expenses	
Electrical Inspector's Salary	$26,179.32
Electrical Inspector's Alt. Wages	$612.00
Electrical Inspector's Travel Wages	$1,700.00
Animal Inspector's Salary	$600.00
Animal Inspector' Expense	$24.00
Regional Animal Control Program	$10,000.00
Municipal Hearings Officer	$2,500.00
Tree Warden (OPS)	$16,000.00
TOTAL PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY	***$ 2,603,904.51***
ORANGE EDUCATION	
Orange Elementary Schools	$6,625,072.00
R.C.Mahar Reg. School	$4,618,582.00
Franklin Cty Tech	$563,195.00
Franklin Cty Tech - Capital	$19,674.00
Smith Voc	
Vocational Transportation	

TOTAL ORANGE EDUCATION	***$ 11,826,523.00***
PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES	
Highway/Parks/Cemetery Supts. Salary	$71,933.00
HPC Wages	$429,894.00
HPC Expenses	$235,560.00
Snow & Ice	$155,267.00
Street Lights	$25,000.00
Franklin County Solid Waste District	$24,323.00
Sanitation Salary	$54,947.60
Sanitation Wages	$40,860.00
Sanitation Expense	$109,167.00
Airport Manager's Salary	$62,075.00
Airport Wages	$38,668.00
Airport Expense	$43,600.00
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES	***$1,291,294.60***
HUMAN SERVICES	
Board of Health Agent	$64,480.00
Board of Health Admin Clerical	$7,914.00
Council on Aging Director	$32,173.86
Council on Aging Expenses	$3,325.00
Veterans' District Admin	$23,080.00
Veterans' Benefits	$120,000.00

TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES	***$ 250,972.86***
CULTURE AND RECREATION	
Library Director Salary	$60,673.68
Library Wages	$164,023.18
Library Expenses	$120,825.00
Agricultural Commission	$400.00
TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION	***$ 345,921.86***
DEBT SERVICE	
Fire Station Roof	$3,000.00
North Main St Project	$7,500.00
Tully Fire Station Principal ('48)	$23,003.00
Tully Fire Station Interest	$45,937.00
ESCO USDA Principal	$50,851.00
ESCO USDA Interest	$27,429.00
R.C. Mahar Reg. School Debt Service	$17,953.00
R.C. Mahar Reg. School Debt Service	$166,373.00
Dexter Park Roof Principal	$62,625.00
Dexter Park Roof Interest	$4,647.00
Butterfield Park Renovation Principal	$15,000.00
Butterfield Park Renovation Interest	$1,638.00
School feasibility Interest	$1,020.00
Police Station Renovations Principal	$15,000.00
Police Station Renovations Interest	$1,530.00
Departmental Equipment Principal	$82,900.00

Departmental Equipment Interest	$3,640.00
Departmental Equipment Principal 2	$62,551.00
Departmental Equipment Interest 2	$12,663.00
Putnam Hall Demo Principal	
Putnam Hall Demo Interest	
Short Term Borrowing	$5,000.00
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	***$610,260.00***
MISCELLANEOUS (FIXED) EXPENSES	
Franklin Regional Council of Governments	$36,605.00
Franklin Regional Retirement Assessment	$944,486.00
AOTV Service Expense	$120,000.00
Workers Compensation	$75,242.00
Unemployment Compensation	$140,000.00
Group Insurance (Health, Life, & Medicare Penalty)	$2,050,000.00
Group Dental	$106,675.00
Medicare/FICA	$135,000.00
Police Accident and Fire Insurance	$41,832.00
Insurance General Liability	$130,876.00
Snow & Ice Deficit	
Prior Year Expenses	
Legal Settlement	
Transfer to Article Lines (not debt)	
Transfer to Capital Fund	
Transfer to Stabilization	
Transfer - Group Dental Trust	

TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	*$ 3,780,716.00*
GRAND TOTAL	$ 21,614,014.42

I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate $21,274,292.42 to defray the expenses of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020.

Motion to amend the R C Mahar line to $4,786,345.00 with the $507,485.00 contingent on a Prop 2 ½ override. Motion to change the amount to $4,618,582.00, passed. Total budget of $21,614,014.42 – motion as amended, passed.

ARTICLE 17: TRANSFER FROM AMBULANCE RECEIPTS RESERVED FOR APPROPRIATION
To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account the Sum of $72,161.00 for the 5th and final payment for the Fire Department Ambulance; or take any other action relative thereto.

I move that the Town vote to transfer and appropriate from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account the Sum of $72,161.00 for the 5th and final payment for the Fire Department Ambulance.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 18: POLICE DEPT. RADIO LEASE
To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from free cash the sum of $11,000.00 for the fifth-year payment on a 5-year lease for 10 Portable Radios; or take any other action relative thereto.

I move that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from free cash the sum of $11,000.00 for the fifth-year payment on a 5-year lease for 10 Portable Radios.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 19: TRANSFER FROM VARIOUS CAPITAL ACCOUNT TO HAZARD BEACON SITE PROJECT
To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of $12,393.00 from the following Accounts, created from the following votes:
Article 12 – Environmental Assessment of the December 2018 Special Town Meeting $3,775.00
Article 3 – Reconstruct Taxiway Delta of then June 2014 Special Town Meeting $5,445.80
Article 2 – Aeronautical Airspace Study of the January 2018 Special Town Meeting $2,917.50
Article 3 – Wildlife Hazard Study of the January 2018 Special Town Meeting $255.00

To pay for the Town's portion of a $220,000 Federal and State grant for the 2021 Purchase Hazard Beacon Site Project, or take any other action relative thereto.

I move that the Town vote to transfer the sum of $12,393.30 from the following Accounts, created from the following votes:
Article 12 – Environmental Assessment of the December 2018 Special Town Meeting $3,775.00
Article 3 – Reconstruct Taxiway Delta of the June 2014 Special Town Meeting $5,445.80
Article 2 – Aeronautical Airspace Study of the January 2018 Special Town Meeting $2,917.50
Article 3 – Wildlife Hazard Study of the January 2018 Special Town Meeting $255.00
To pay for the Town's portion of a $220,000 Federal and State grant for the 2021 Purchase Hazard Beacon Site Project.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 20: TRANSFER FROM AIRPORT REVOLVING FUND
To see if the town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of $2,350.00 from the airport revolving fund account to pay the town's portion of a $440,000.00 federal and state grant for the Runway 14-32 Lighting System Replacement Project, or take any action relative thereto.

I move that the town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of $2,350.00 from the airport revolving fund account to pay the town's portion of a $440,000.00 federal and state grant for the Runway 14-32 Lighting System Replacement Project.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 21: DEXTER PARK REPAIR PROJECT
To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds an amount of money to be expended under the direction of the Orange School Building Committee for the repair of the Dexter Park School. The project will involve the repair of the structural integrity of the floor, asbestos removal and would materially extend the useful life of the school by 3 to 4 years, or take any action relative thereto.

I move that the Town vote to appropriate and borrow $208,000.00 to be expended under the direction of the Orange School Building Committee for the repair of the Dexter Park School. The project will involve the repair of the structural integrity of the floor, asbestos removal and would materially extend the useful life of the school by 3 to 4 years.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 22: SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT
To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, an amount of money to be expended under the direction of Orange School Building Committee for the replacement of the Dexter Park Elementary School with an Addition to and Renovation of the Fisher Hill Elementary School at 59 Dexter St, Orange, MA. This new school facility shall have an anticipated useful life as an educational facility for the instruction of school children of at least 50 years and for which the Town may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"). The Town acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program

based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any project costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town. Any grant that the Town may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) 80 percent (%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA to be $34,620,720.

I move that the Town vote to appropriate and borrow $57,697,704.00 to be expended under the direction of Orange School Building Committee for the replacement of the Dexter Park Elementary School with an Addition to and Renovation of the Fisher Hill Elementary School at 59 Dexter St, Orange, MA. This new school facility shall have an anticipated useful life as an educational facility for the instruction of school children of at least 50 years and for which the Town may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"). The Town acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any project costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town. Any grant that the Town may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) 80 percent (%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA to be $34,620,720, said vote is contingent on the Proposition 2 1/2, so called, debt exclusion election vote.

Motion passed, 300 in favor and 16 opposed.

ARTICLE 23: PETITIONED ARTICLE – TOWN PARKING LOT DEDICATION

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dedicate the Town parking lot on West Main Street, Orange, MA, 01364, that is across from the Community Clothing Center and have a plaque, which will be purchased by volunteer donations, to honor Mrs. Hazel Lackey for her decades of care and service to the citizens of Orange and surrounding towns.

I move that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dedicate the Town parking lot on West Main Street, Orange, MA, 01364, that is across from the Community Clothing Center and have a plaque, which will be purchased by volunteer donations, to honor Mrs. Hazel Lackey for her decades of care and service to the citizens of Orange and surrounding towns.

Motion passed, unanimously.

Motion to dissolve the meeting at 9:36 p.m.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 20th day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Ryan Mailloux

Jane Peirce

William Wrigley

Selectmen, Town of Orange

A true copy. ATTEST:

Randy Plante, Constable of Orange

FRANKLIN, SS.

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Orange, by posting up attested copies of the same at the Post Office in Orange and the Library in North Orange seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Randy Plante, Constable of Orange 05/27/2020

WARRANT FOR

DEBT EXCLUSION ELECTION

June 22, 2020

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

FRANKLIN, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Orange, in the County of Franklin:

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Elections to meet at R. C. Mahar Regional School at 507 South Main Street in said, Orange, Massachusetts on Monday, June 22, 2020 from 12:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the Debt Exclusion Election for the following question:

Shall the Town of Orange be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two-and-one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds issued in order to pay costs of engineering, design, renovating and adding-to the Fisher Hill School, located 59 Dexter Street, in Orange, Massachusetts, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto ?

Yes _____ No _____

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Town Hall, Post Office in Orange and Library in North Orange, seven days at least before the time of holding such election.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 3rd day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty.

Ryan Mailloux

Jane Peirce

Thomas Smith

Patricia Lussier

Alexandre Schwanz

Selectmen, Town of Orange

A true copy. ATTEST:

Randy Plante, Constable of Orange

FRANKLIN, SS.

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Orange, by posting up attested copies of the same at the Post Office in Orange and the Library in North Orange seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Randy Plante, Constable of Orange 06/03/2020

Total Registered Voters	2,495	2,532	5,027
Total Voted	428	430	858
	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Total
Override Question			
Yes	290	308	598
No	138	122	260
Blank	0	0	0

6/22/2020

Debt Exclusion

17%

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN

SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

WARRANT FOR 2020 STATE PRIMARY

FRANKLIN,SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Orange, in the County of Franklin:

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Primaries to meet at the St. Mary's Parish Center, 20 West Myrtle Street, in said, Orange, on **TUESDAY, THE FIRST DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2020** from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the State Primary for the candidates of political parties for the following offices:

SENATOR IN CONGRESS.....FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS.....SECOND DISTRICT

COUNCILLOR EIGHTH DISTRICT

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT HAMPSHIRE,FRANKLIN,WORCESTER DISTRICT

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT SECOND FRANKLIN DISTRICT

REGISTER OF PROBATE.....FRANKLIN COUNTY

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Post Office in Orange and Library in North Orange, seven days at least before the time of holding such election and by publishing attested copies thereof, in the local newspapers, in said Town, once at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 28th day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty.

Ryan Mailloux

Jane Peirce

Thomas Smith

Patricia Lussier

Alexandre Schwanz

Selectmen, Town of Orange

A true copy. ATTEST:

Randy Plante, Constable of Orange

FRANKLIN,SS.

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Randy Plante, Constable of Orange 08/10/2020

State Primary - Orange				
Sept. 1, 2020				
	Prec 1 - Total	Prec 2 - Total	Total	
Total Registered Voters	2545	2596	5141	
Vote by Mail Ballots	338	416	754	27%
In-person Voting	316	333	649	
Democrat Ballots Cast	459	553	1012	
Green-Rainbow Cast	2	2	4	
Libertarian Cast	5	4	9	

Republican Ballots Cast	188	190	378
Total Ballots Cast	654	749	1403
Democrat			
Senator in Congress			
Edward Markey	214	261	475
Jospeh Kennedy III	242	287	529
Others	0	0	0
Blank	3	5	8
Rep. in Congress			
James McGovern	413	496	909
Others	0	0	0
Blanks	46	57	103
Councillor			
Mary Hurley	388	474	862
Others	0	0	0
Blanks	71	79	150
Sen. In General Court			
Jo Comerford	395	482	877
Others	0	0	0
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Rep. in General Court			
William LaRose	367	464	831
Susannah Whipps	23	14	37

Louis G. Marino	7	0	7
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Register of Probate			
John Merrigan	391	484	875
Others	0	0	0
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Green-Rainbow			
Senator in Congress			
Others	0	0	0
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Rep. in Congress			
Others	0	0	0
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Councillor			
Others	0	0	0
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Sen. In General Court			
Others	0	0	0
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Rep. in General Court			
Others	0	0	0
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Register of Probate			
Others	0	0	0
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Libertarian			
Senator in Congress			
Others	0	0	0
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Rep. in Congress			
Others	0	0	0
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Councillor			
Others	0	0	0
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Sen. In General Court			
Others	0	0	0
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Rep. in General Court			
Others	0	0	0
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Register of Probate			
Others	0	0	0

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Republican			
Senator in Congress			
Shiva Ayyadurai	104	98	202
Kevin O'Connor	81	90	171
Others	0	0	0
Blanks	3	2	5
Rep. in Congress			
Tracy Lovvorn	148	162	310
Others	0	0	0
Blanks	40	28	68
Councillor			
Others	0	0	0
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Sen. In General Court			
Others	0	0	0
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Rep. in General Court			
Susannah Whipps	2	8	10
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Register of Probate			
Others	0	0	0

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Special Town Meeting

September 14, 2020

FRANKLIN SS:

To the Constables of the Town of Orange, in the County of Franklin:

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote on Town affairs, to meet at Ralph C. Mahar Football Field, 507 South Main Street, in said Orange, on Monday, September 14, 2020 at 6:00 PM, then and there to act on the following articles:

A quorum being present, the Town Clerk Called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Due to the absence of the Moderator, the Town Clerk accepted nominations to elect a Moderator for the meeting. Bruce Scherer was nominated. With no further nominations, it was voted that the Town Clerk cast one ballot for Bruce Scherer. He was then sworn in by the Town Clerk and proceeded with the meeting.

ARTICLE 1: SALE OF TAX TITLE LAND

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the transfer from the Board of Selectmen to the Treasurer the care, custody and control of those parcels of land acquired by the Town through foreclosure of tax titles in the land court or commissioner's affidavit of land of low value and to authorize the Treasurer to sell, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, those parcels acquired by the Town by foreclosure of tax titles in the land court or commissioner's affidavit of land of low value; or take any other action relative thereto.

I move that the Town authorize the transfer from the Board of Selectmen to the Treasurer the care, custody and control of those parcels of land acquired by the Town through foreclosure of tax titles in the land court or commissioner's affidavit of land of low value and to authorize the Treasurer to sell, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, those parcels acquired by the Town by foreclosure of tax titles in the land court or commissioner's affidavit of land of low value.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 2: AUTHORIZE BORROWING

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow in anticipation of the revenue for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 in accordance with the M.G.L. c44, §4; or take any other action relative thereto.

I move that the Town vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow in anticipation of the revenue for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 in accordance with the M.G.L. c44, §4.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 3: AIRPORT TRANSFER

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of $7,000.00 from the Airport Revolving Fund to pay the Town's portion of a $570,000.00 Federal and State grant for the Runway 14-32 Lighting System Replacement Project, or take any action relative thereto.

I move that the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of $7,000.00 from the Airport Revolving Fund to pay the Town's portion of a $570,000.00 Federal and State grant for the Runway 14-32 Lighting System Replacement Project.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 4: PILOT – SOLAR PROJECT

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and execute a Tax Agreement for payments-in-lieu-of-taxes ("PILOT") pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 38H(b), and Chapter 164, Section 1, on behalf of the Town of Orange for personal property associated with a solar photovoltaic project having a proposed nameplate capacity of approximately 6.6 megawatts and located on a 7.9 acre parcel identified as Assessors Map 227 Parcel 5 and a 26.16 acre parcel identified as Assessors Map 236 Parcel 31, the development having an address of 180 West Orange Road, and to take all actions necessary to implement such agreement; or take any other action relative thereto.

I move that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and execute a Tax Agreement for payments-in-lieu-of-taxes ("PILOT") pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 38H(b), and Chapter 164, Section 1, on behalf of the Town of Orange for personal property associated with a solar photovoltaic project

having a proposed nameplate capacity of approximately 6.6 megawatts and located on a 7.9 acre parcel identified as Assessors Map 227 Parcel 5 and a 26.16 acre parcel identified as Assessors Map 236 Parcel 31, the development having an address of 180 West Orange Road, and to take all actions necessary to implement such agreement.

Motion passed, not unanimously.

ARTICLE 5: SALE OF SURPLUS PERSONAL PROPERTY AND REAL ESTATE

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen or their designee to sell or otherwise dispose of surplus or obsolete personal property and surplus real estate of the Town in accordance with Chapter 76 of the *General Bylaws of the Town of Orange* and following the procedures required by M.G.L. c.30B §15 and §16; or take any other action relative thereto.

I move that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen or their designee to sell or otherwise dispose of surplus or obsolete personal property and surplus real estate of the Town in accordance with Chapter 76 of the General By laws of the Town of Orange and following the procedures required by M.G.L. c.30B §15 and §16.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 6: WWTP/SEWER ENTERPRISE BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 5 of the June 15, 2020 ATM to amend the Sewer Budget from $738,086.00 to $845,390.00 by increasing the following budget line items listed; and voting to appropriate $765,390.00 and to appropriate from Retained Earnings $80,000.00 to defray the expenses of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 for the WWTP/Sewer Enterprise Fund, in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. c.44, §53F½, amount to be funded from the following sources; or to take any action relative thereto.

SEWER ENTERPRISE BUDGET

REVENUES

User Fees	805,190.00
Connection Fees	200.00
Sewer Liens & Fees	40,000.00
Retained Earnings	0.00

TOTAL REVENUES	**845,390.00**
EXPENSES	
Direct Costs	
Salaries & Wages	221,880.00
Expenses	245,101.00
Capital Outlay	150,000.00
Debt & Interest	115,261.00
Emergency Reserve	10,000.00
Subtotal	**742,242.00**
Indirect Costs	
Subtotal	**103,148.00**
TOTAL BUDGET	**845,390.00**

I move that the Town vote to amend Article 5 of the June 15, 2020 ATM to amend the Sewer Budget from $738,086.00 to $845,390.00 by increasing the budget by $107,304.00 and voting to appropriate $765,390.00 and to appropriate from Retained Earnings $80,000.00 to defray the expenses of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 for the WWTP/Sewer Enterprise Fund, in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. c.44, §53F½.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 7: TRANSFER TO STABILIZATION

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of $50,000.00 for the Stabilization Fund; or take any action relative thereto.

I move that the Town vote to transfer $50,000.00 from Free Cash to the Stabilization Fund.

Motion passed, unanimously.

I move that the Town vote to take Articles 9 through 10 and that they be "passed by consent".

Motion

ARTICLE 8: SALE OF LAKE MATTAWA PROPERTY

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody, management and control of land at Lake Mattawa known as parcels #24 and #25 on Assessors Map 249, and further subdivided on a Plan of Land Prepared for the Inhabitants of the Town of Orange by Edward T. Berry, March 11, 2020 at Lake Mattawa, to the Board of Selectmen for general municipal purposes including resale, as voted by the Water Commissioners at their meeting on July 13, 2020; or take any other action relative thereto.

I move that the Town vote to transfer the care, custody, management and control of land at Lake Mattawa known as parcels #24 and #25 on Assessors Map 249, and further subdivided on a Plan of Land Prepared for the Inhabitants of the Town of Orange by Edward T. Berry, March 11, 2020 at Lake Mattawa, to the Board of Selectmen for general municipal purposes including resale, as voted by the Water Commissioners at their meeting on July 13, 2020.

Motion to amend to limit this to the Mc Kenney camp only, Map 249, Lot 25, Lot E on the subdivision Plan. Motions stated that the Town vote to transfer the care, custody, management, and control of the land at Lake Mattawa known as a portion of parcel #25 on Assessors Map 249 and further subdivided on a Plan of Land, prepared for the Inhabitants of the Town of Orange by Edward T. Berry, March 11, 2020 at Lake Mattawa, to the Board of Selectmen for general municipal purposes including resale, as voted by the Water Commissioners at their meeting on July 13, 2020.

Motion to move the question – passed, not unanimously.

Motion on the amendment failed.

Motion on Article 8 passed, by the required 2/3 majority.

I move that the Town vote to take Articles 9 and 10 and that they be "passed by consent".

Motion passed, not unanimously.

Consent motion, passed, not unanimously.

ARTICLE 9: LAND AT LAKE MATTAWA

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey at fair market value and to seek special legislation pursuant to Article 97 of the Massachusetts Constitution for permission for conveyance by lot or otherwise, land at Lake Mattawa known as parcels #24 and #25 on Assessors Map 249, and further subdivided on a Plan of Land Prepared for the Inhabitants of the Town of Orange by Edward T. Berry, March 11, 2020 at Lake Mattawa. The proceeds from the sale shall be returned to the Water Department and/or specialized accounts minus any expenses related to the sale of the property; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 10: LAND AT LAKE MATTAWA

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to seek special legislation notwithstanding the provisions of M.G.L. c. 30B to convey by lot or otherwise, land at Lake Mattawa known as parcels #24 and #25 on Assessors Map 249, and further subdivided on a Plan of Land Prepared for the Inhabitants of the Town of Orange by Edward T. Berry, March 11, 2020 at Lake Mattawa for fair market value to the current occupants or lease holders; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 11: FIRE DEPARTMENT TRANSFER

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of $21,406 (receipts from an insurance settlement secondary to a tractor-trailer accident and hazardous materials release in the month of October 2019) from Free Cash to the Hazardous Spills Revolving Fund, account # 210-222-5700-1000; or take any other action relative thereto.

I move that the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of $21,406 (receipts from an insurance settlement secondary to a tractor-trailer accident and hazardous materials release in the month of October 2019) from Free Cash to the Hazardous Spills Revolving Fund, account # 210-222-5700-1000.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 12: FIRE DEPARTMENT

To see if the Town will vote to amend the portion of article 19 of the June 17, 2019 ATM that authorized Capital Plan borrowing for a Fire Brush Truck to purchase a UTV with brush firefighting and patient transport capabilities and an enclosed trailer for storage and transport not to exceed $67,857; or take any other action relative thereto.

I move that the Town vote to amend the portion of article 19 of the June 17, 2019 ATM that authorized Capital Plan borrowing for a Fire Brush Truck to purchase a UTV with brush firefighting and patient transport capabilities and an enclosed trailer for storage and transport not to exceed $67,857.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 13: FIRE DEPARTMENT – PRIOR YEAR BILL

To see if the Town will vote the sum of $162.47 from Fire Department Expenses to pay Mirabito Energy ($126.87), Osterman Propane ($3.48), and Advance Auto Parts ($34.12) in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 64-Appropriation to Pay Certain Unpaid Bills of Previous Years; or take any other action relative thereto.

I move that the Town vote the sum of $162.47 from Fire Department Expenses to pay Mirabito Energy ($126.87), Osterman Propane ($3.48), and Advance Auto Parts ($34.12) in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 64-Appropriation to Pay Certain Unpaid Bills of Previous Years.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 14: REPAIRS – 3 TOWN BUILDINGS

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds the sum of $18,300 to repair fire detection and suppression systems in the following Town-owned and operated facilities:

Orange Armory	$ 2,200
Orange Highway Department	$15,500
Wheeler Memorial Library	$ 600

Or take any other action relative thereto.

I move that the town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of $18,300 to repair fire detection and suppression systems in the Armory, Highway Department, and Wheeler Memorial Library.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 15: BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2021

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 16 of the June 15, 2020 ATM to amend the Town Budget from $21,614,014.42 to $21,569,009.42 by voting to adjust the following budget line items Unemployment

Compensation, Group Insurance (Health, Life & Medicare Penalty), Town Counsel, CD Expenses – Grant Writing, Town Hall Maintenance, R.C. Mahar Reg. School, Smith Voc., Vocational Transport; and vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020; or take any other action relative thereto.

I move that the Town vote to amend the Town Budget from $21,614,014.42 to $21,569,009.42 by voting to adjust the following budget line items;

ACCOUNT	FROM	TO
Unemployment Compensation	$140,000.00	$100,000.00
Group Insurance (Health, Life, & Medicare Penalty)	$2,050,000.00	$2,025,000.00
Town Counsel	$45,000.00	$55,000.00
CD Expenses - Grant Writing	$0.00	$7,500.00
Town Hall Maintenance	$41,000.00	$52,000.00
R.C.Mahar Reg. School	$4,278,860.00	$4,562,077.00
Smith Voc	$0.00	$19,000.00
Vocational Transportation	$0.00	$29,000.00

and vote to raise and appropriate $21,259,123.00 and transfer from Free Cash $309,886.42 to defray the expenses of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020.

Motion passed, not unanimously.

ARTICLE 16: CAPITAL PLAN BORROWING FY21

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or borrow the sum of $406,366.30 for the following Capital Projects and to meet such appropriation by authorizing the Treasurer, with approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow such sum under M.G.L. Chapter 44, Sec. 7, or with any other enabling authority; or take any other action relative thereto.

FRCOG Radio Upgrades	$25,000.00
Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus	$16,000.00

Building Repairs + Fire Suppression System	$129,000.00
Plow Truck	$44,000.00
Probationary Firefighter Protective Clothing	$14,000.00
New Cruiser	$55,000.00
2020 Ford Dump Truck	$123,366.30
	$406,366.30

I move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $406,366.30 for the Capital Projects listed above and to meet such appropriation authorize the Treasurer, with approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow such sum under M.G.L. Chapter 44, Sec. 7, or with any other enabling authority.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 17: VOTE TO UPDATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN

To approve an Updated Economic Development Plan for the purposes of short and long term industrial and commercial development for the Town of Orange in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 121 C.

I move that the Town vote to approve an Updated Economic Development Plan for the purposes of short and long term industrial and commercial development for the Town of Orange in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 121 C.

Motion passed, not unanimously.

I move that the Town vote to take Articles 18 through 25 and that they be "passed by consent".

Motion passed, unanimously.

Consent motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 18: WEST BROOK BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to acquire by gift, purchase, eminent domain or otherwise in fee simple a parcel of land situated off East Road, north westerly of West Brook Bridge, approximately 59 square feet more or less for highway purposes, more particularly for the East Road over West Brook Bridge Replacement for a wing wall as detailed in a plan entitled "East Road Over West Brook Bridge Replacement, drafted by Tighe & Bond, MassDOT Bridge No. 0-03-018 (C59), dated 09/04/2020 or take any action relative thereto.

I move that the Town vote to authorize the Selectboard to acquire by gift, purchase, eminent domain or otherwise in fee simple a parcel of land situated off East Road, north westerly of West Brook Bridge, approximately 59 square feet more or less for highway purposes, more particularly for the East Road over West Brook Bridge Replacement for a wing wall as detailed in a plan entitled "East Road Over West Brook Bridge Replacement, drafted by Tighe & Bond, MassDOT Bridge No. 0-03-018 (C59), dated 09/04/2020.

ARTICLE 19: WEST BROOK BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to acquire by gift, purchase, eminent domain or otherwise in fee simple a parcel of land situated off East Road, north easterly of West Brook Bridge, approximately 10 square feet more or less for highway purposes, more particularly for the East Road over West Brook Bridge Replacement for a wing wall as detailed in a plan entitled "East Road Over West Brook Bridge Replacement, drafted by Tighe & Bond, MassDOT Bridge No. 0-03-018 (C59), dated 09/04/2020 or take any action relative thereto.

I move that the Town vote to authorize the Selectboard to acquire by gift, purchase, eminent domain or otherwise in fee simple a parcel of land situated off East Road, north easterly of West Brook Bridge, approximately 10 square feet more or less for highway purposes, more particularly for the East Road over West Brook Bridge Replacement for a wing wall as detailed in a plan entitled "East Road Over West Brook Bridge Replacement, drafted by Tighe & Bond, MassDOT Bridge No. 0-03-018 (C59), dated 09/04/2020.

ARTICLE 20: WEST BROOK BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to acquire by gift, purchase, eminent domain or otherwise in fee simple a parcel of land situated off East Road, south westerly of West Brook Bridge, approximately 6 square feet more or less for highway purposes, more particularly for the East Road over West Brook Bridge Replacement for a wing wall as detailed in a plan entitled "East Road Over West Brook Bridge Replacement, drafted by Tighe & Bond, MassDOT Bridge No. 0-03-018 (C59), dated 09/04/2020 or take any action relative thereto.

I move that the Town vote to authorize the Selectboard to acquire by gift, purchase, eminent domain or otherwise in fee simple a parcel of land situated off East Road, south westerly of West Brook Bridge, approximately 6 square feet more or less for highway purposes, more particularly for the East Road over West Brook Bridge Replacement for a wing wall as detailed in a plan entitled "East Road Over West Brook Bridge Replacement, drafted by Tighe & Bond, MassDOT Bridge No. 0-03-018 (C59), dated 09/04/2020.

ARTICLE 21: WEST BROOK BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to acquire by gift, purchase, eminent domain or otherwise in fee simple a parcel of land situated off East Road, south easterly of West Brook Bridge, approximately 52 square feet more or less for highway purposes, more particularly for the East Road over West Brook Bridge Replacement for a wing wall as detailed in a plan entitled "East Road Over West Brook Bridge Replacement, drafted by Tighe & Bond, MassDOT Bridge No. 0-03-018 (C59), dated 09/04/2020 or take any action relative thereto.

I move that the Town vote to authorize the Selectboard to acquire by gift, purchase, eminent domain or otherwise in fee simple a parcel of land situated off East Road, south easterly of West Brook Bridge, approximately 52 square feet more or less for highway purposes, more particularly for the East Road over West Brook Bridge Replacement for a wing wall as detailed in a plan entitled "East Road Over West Brook Bridge Replacement, drafted by Tighe & Bond, MassDOT Bridge No. 0-03-018 (C59), dated 09/04/2020.

ARTICLE 22: WEST BROOK BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to acquire by gift, purchase, eminent domain or otherwise a temporary easement in land situated off East Road, north westerly of West Brook Bridge, approximately 3,060 square feet more or less for highway purposes, more particularly for the East Road over West Brook Bridge Replacement as detailed in a plan entitled "East Road Over West Brook Bridge Replacement, drafted by Tighe & Bond, MassDOT Bridge No. 0-03-018 (C59), dated 09/04/2020 or take any action relative thereto.

I move that the Town vote to authorize the Selectboard to acquire by gift, purchase, eminent domain or otherwise a temporary easement in land situated off East Road, north westerly of West Brook Bridge, approximately 3,060 square feet more or less for highway purposes, more particularly for the East Road over West Brook Bridge Replacement as detailed in a plan entitled "East Road Over West Brook Bridge Replacement, drafted by Tighe & Bond, MassDOT Bridge No. 0-03-018 (C59), dated 09/04/2020.

ARTICLE 23: WEST BROOK BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to acquire by gift, purchase, eminent domain or otherwise a temporary easement in land situated off East Road, north easterly of West Brook Bridge, approximately 1,000 square feet more or less for highway purposes, more particularly for the East Road over West Brook Bridge Replacement as detailed in a plan entitled "East Road Over West Brook Bridge Replacement, drafted by Tighe & Bond, MassDOT Bridge No. 0-03-018 (C59), dated 09/04/2020 or take any action relative thereto.

I move that the Town vote to authorize the Selectboard to acquire by gift, purchase, eminent domain or otherwise a temporary easement in land situated off East Road, north easterly of West Brook Bridge, approximately 1,000 square feet more or less for highway purposes, more particularly for the East Road over West Brook Bridge Replacement as detailed in a plan entitled "East Road Over West Brook Bridge Replacement, drafted by Tighe & Bond, MassDOT Bridge No. 0-03-018 (C59), dated 09/04/2020.

ARTICLE 24: WEST BROOK BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to acquire by gift, purchase, eminent domain or otherwise a temporary easement in land situated off East Road, south westerly of West Brook Bridge, approximately 650 square feet more or less for highway purposes, more particularly for the East Road over West Brook Bridge Replacement as detailed in a plan entitled "East Road Over West Brook Bridge Replacement, drafted by Tighe & Bond, MassDOT Bridge No. 0-03-018 (C59), dated 09/04/2020 or take any action relative thereto.

I move that the Town vote to authorize the Selectboard to acquire by gift, purchase, eminent domain or otherwise a temporary easement in land situated off East Road, south westerly of West Brook Bridge, approximately 650 square feet more or less for highway purposes, more particularly for the East Road over West Brook Bridge Replacement as detailed in a plan entitled "East Road Over West Brook Bridge Replacement, drafted by Tighe & Bond, MassDOT Bridge No. 0-03-018 (C59), dated 09/04/2020.

ARTICLE 25: WEST BROOK BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to acquire by gift, purchase, eminent domain or otherwise a temporary easement in land situated off East Road, south easterly of West Brook Bridge, approximately 1,800 square feet more or less for highway purposes, more particularly for the East Road over West Brook Bridge Replacement as detailed in a plan entitled "East Road Over West Brook Bridge Replacement, drafted by Tighe & Bond, MassDOT Bridge No. 0-03-018 (C59), dated 09/04/2020 or take any action relative thereto.

I move that the Town vote to authorize the Selectboard to acquire by gift, purchase, eminent domain or otherwise a temporary easement in land situated off East Road, south easterly of West Brook Bridge, approximately 1,800 square feet more or less for highway purposes, more particularly for the East Road

over West Brook Bridge Replacement as detailed in a plan entitled "East Road Over West Brook Bridge Replacement, drafted by Tighe & Bond, MassDOT Bridge No. 0-03-018 (C59), dated 09/04/2020.

Motion to dissolve the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 26th day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Ryan W. Mailloux

Jane M. Peirce

Thomas J. Smith

Patricia A. Lussier

Alexandre A. Schwanz

Selectmen, Town of Orange

A true copy. ATTEST:

Randy Plante, Constable of Orange

FRANKLIN, SS.

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Orange, by posting up attested copies of the same at the Post Office in Orange and the Library in North Orange fourteen days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Randy Plante, Constable of Orange August 27, 2020

	BUDGET	**NEW PROPOSAL**
	FY20	8/26/2020
GENERAL GOVERNMENT		
Selectmen Expenses	$4,030.00	**$4,030.00**
Town Administrator Salary	$104,862.00	**$104,862.00**
Town Administrator Wages	$41,000.00	**$41,800.00**
Town Administrator Expenses	$651.00	**$651.00**
Finance Committee Expenses	$185.00	**$185.00**
Reserve Fund	$45,000.00	**$45,000.00**
Accountant Salary	$68,404.00	**$68,603.92**
Accountant Wages	$14,527.00	**$14,527.00**
Accountant Expenses	$3,620.00	**$3,620.00**
Audit	$25,000.00	**$25,000.00**
Assessors Wages	$35,692.49	**$35,692.49**
Assessors Expenses	$65,159.00	**$73,170.00**
Treasurer Salary	$1,000.00	**$1,000.00**
Treasurer Wages	$36,589.66	**$36,589.66**
Treasurer Expenses	$10,360.70	**$10,360.70**
Vadar Software Maintenance	$15,083.00	**$15,782.55**
Collector Salary	$44,517.90	**$44,517.90**
Collector Wages	$19,442.00	**$19,442.00**
Collector Expenses	$15,060.00	**$15,060.00**
Collector Tax Title Foreclosure	$3,280.00	**$3,280.00**
Town Counsel	$50,000.00	**$55,000.00**
HR Board Expenses	$0.00	**$0.00**
General Office Expenses	$54,009.00	**$54,009.00**
Town Clerk Salary	$48,473.12	**$48,473.12**
Town Clerk Expenses	$7,519.25	**$7,519.25**
Election Registrars Salaries	$650.00	**$650.00**

Election Registrars Wages	$4,000.00	**$4,000.00**
Election Expenses	$10,550.00	**$10,550.00**
Conservation Commission Expenses	$214.00	**$214.00**
CD Director Salary	$70,000.00	**$67,500.00**
CD Expenses - Grant Writing	$0.00	**$7,500.00**
CD Expenses	$900.00	**$900.00**
Community Development Master Plan	$0.00	**$0.00**
Planning Expenses	$500.00	**$500.00**
ZBA Expenses	$97.00	**$97.00**
Town Hall Maintenance	$41,000.00	**$52,000.00**
Town Report	$2,600.00	**$2,600.00**
Armory Maintenance	$42,600.00	**$38,235.00**
Stabilization Fund	$0.00	**$0.00**
Tax Title Expenses	$20,000.00	**$20,000.00**
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	$906,576.12	$932,921.59
PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY		
Police Chief's Salary	$100,343.84	**$101,000.00**
Police Salaries and Wages	$977,493.19	**$977,493.19**
Police Expenses	$98,075.00	**$92,190.00**
Fire Chief's Wages	$105,940.00	**$105,940.00**
Fire/EMS Wages	$888,817.00	**$925,296.00**
Fire/EMS Expenses	$250,000.00	**$250,000.00**
Emergency Management Director	$3,000.00	**$3,000.00**
Building Commissioner Salary	$63,000.00	**$63,000.00**
Building Department Wages	$23,834.00	**$23,834.00**
Building Department Expenses	$4,536.00	**$4,536.00**

Demolition Expenses	NEW	
Electrical Inspector's Salary	$26,179.32	**$26,179.32**
Electrical Inspector's Alt. Wages	$612.00	**$612.00**
Electrical Inspector's Travel Wages	$1,700.00	**$1,700.00**
Animal Inspector's Salary	$600.00	**$600.00**
Animal Inspector' Expense	$24.00	**$24.00**
Regional Animal Control Program	$10,000.00	**$10,000.00**
Municipal Hearings Officer	$2,500.00	**$2,500.00**
Tree Warden (OPS)	$16,000.00	**$16,000.00**
TOTAL PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY	**$2,572,654.35**	$2,603,904.51
ORANGE EDUCATION		
Orange Elementary Schools	$6,625,072.00	$6,625,072.00
R.C.Mahar Reg. School	$4,278,860.00	**$4,562,077.00**
Franklin Cty Tech	$633,612.00	**$563,195.00**
Franklin Cty Tech - Capital	$23,166.36	**$19,674.00**
Smith Voc	$17,965.00	19000
Vocational Transportation	$28,620.00	29000
TOTAL ORANGE EDUCATION	**$11,607,295.36**	$11,818,018.00
PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES		
Highway/Parks/Cemetery Supts. Salary	$71,933.00	**$71,933.00**
HPC Wages	$429,894.00	$429,894.00

HPC Expenses	$235,560.00	**$235,560.00**
Snow & Ice	$155,267.00	**$155,267.00**
Street Lights	$25,000.00	**$25,000.00**
Franklin County Solid Waste District	$21,081.00	**$24,323.00**
Sanitation Salary	$54,947.60	**$54,947.60**
Sanitation Wages	$40,860.00	**$40,860.00**
Sanitation Expense	$109,167.00	**$109,167.00**
Airport Manager's Salary	$62,075.00	**$62,075.00**
Airport Wages	$38,668.00	**$38,668.00**
Airport Expense	$43,600.00	**$43,600.00**
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES	**$1,288,052.60**	$1,291,294.60
HUMAN SERVICES		
Board of Health Agent	$60,894.00	**$64,480.00**
Board of Health Admin Clerical	$7,914.00	**$7,914.00**
Council on Aging Director	$32,173.86	**$32,173.86**
Council on Aging Expenses	$3,325.00	**$3,325.00**
Veterans' District Admin	$22,967.00	**$23,080.00**
Veterans' Benefits	$120,000.00	**$120,000.00**
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES	**$ 247,273.86**	$250,972.86
CULTURE AND RECREATION		
Library Director Salary	$60,673.68	**$60,673.68**
Library Wages	$164,023.18	$164,023.18

Library Expenses	$120,825.00	**$120,825.00**
Agricultural Commission	$400.00	**$400.00**
TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION	**$ 345,921.86**	$345,921.86
DEBT SERVICE		
Fire Station Roof	$3,000.00	**$3,000.00**
North Main St Project	$7,500.00	**$7,500.00**
Tully Fire Station Principal ('48)	$22,119.00	**$23,003.00**
Tully Fire Station Interest	$46,822.00	**$45,937.00**
ESCO USDA Principal	$48,895.00	**$50,851.00**
ESCO USDA Interest	$29,386.00	**$27,429.00**
R.C. Mahar Reg. School Debt Service	$1,396.00	**$17,953.00**
R.C. Mahar Reg. School Debt Service	$169,997.00	**$166,373.00**
Dexter Park Roof Principal	$62,625.00	**$62,625.00**
Dexter Park Roof Interest	$6,795.00	**$4,647.00**
Butterfield Park Renovation Principal	$15,000.00	**$15,000.00**
Butterfield Park Renovation Interest	$1,638.00	**$1,638.00**
School feasibility Interest		**$1,020.00**
Police Station Renovations Principal	$15,000.00	**$15,000.00**
Police Station Renovations Interest	$2,106.00	**$1,530.00**
Departmental Equipment Principal	$40,000.00	**$82,900.00**
Departmental Equipment Interest	$880.00	**$3,640.00**
Departmental Equipment Principal 2	$42,800.00	**$62,551.00**
Departmental Equipment Interest 2	$4,006.00	**$12,663.00**
Putnam Hall Demo Principal	$70,707.00	
Putnam Hall Demo Interest	$1,655.00	

Short Term Borrowing	$5,000.00	**$5,000.00**
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	**$ 597,327.00**	$610,260.00
MISCELLANEOUS (FIXED) EXPENSES		
Franklin Regional Council of Governments	$35,685.00	**$36,605.00**
Franklin Regional Retirement Assessment	$925,592.00	**$944,486.00**
AOTV Service Expense	$120,000.00	**$120,000.00**
Workers Compensation	$75,242.00	**$75,242.00**
Unemployment Compensation	$40,000.00	**$100,000.00**
Group Insurance (Health, Life, & Medicare Penalty)	$2,050,000.00	**$2,025,000.00**
Group Dental	$106,675.00	**$106,675.00**
Medicare/FICA	$125,000.00	**$135,000.00**
Police Accident and Fire Insurance	$41,832.00	**$41,832.00**
Insurance General Liability	$111,247.00	**$130,876.00**
Snow & Ice Deficit		
Prior Year Expenses		
Legal Settlement		
Transfer to Article Lines (not debt)		
Transfer to Capital Fund		
Transfer to Stabilization		
Transfer - Group Dental Trust		
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	**$3,631,273.00**	$3,715,716.00

GRAND TOTAL	$ 21,353,712.07	$21,569,009.42

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN

SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

WARRANT FOR 2020 STATE ELECTION

FRANKLIN,SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Orange, in the County of Franklin:

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in State Elections to meet at the St. Mary's Parish Center, 20 West Myrtle St., in said, Orange, on **TUESDAY, THE THIRD DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2020** from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the State Election for the following offices and questions:

ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT..... FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
SENATOR IN CONGRESS..... FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS..... SECOND DISTRICT
COUNCILLOR EIGHTH DISTRICT
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT HAMPSHIRE, FRANKLIN,
..... WORCESTER DISTRICT
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT SECOND FRANKLIN DISTRICT
REGISTER OF PROBATE..... FRANKLIN COUNTY
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT EXECUTIVE COMM. FRANKLIN COUNTY

QUESTION 1: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 5, 2020?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would require that motor vehicle owners and independent repair facilities be provided with expanded access to mechanical data related to vehicle maintenance and repair.

Starting with model year 2022, the proposed law would require manufacturers of motor vehicles sold in Massachusetts to equip any such vehicles that use telematics systems -- systems that collect and wirelessly transmit mechanical data to a remote server -- with a standardized open access data platform. Owners of motor vehicles with telematics systems would get access to mechanical data through a mobile device application. With vehicle owner authorization, independent repair facilities (those not affiliated with a manufacturer) and independent dealerships would be able to retrieve mechanical data from, and send commands to, the vehicle for repair, maintenance, and diagnostic testing.

Under the proposed law, manufacturers would not be allowed to require authorization before owners or repair facilities could access mechanical data stored in a motor vehicle's on-board diagnostic system, except through an authorization process standardized across all makes and models and administered by an entity unaffiliated with the manufacturer.

The proposed law would require the Attorney General to prepare a notice for prospective motor vehicle owners and lessees explaining telematics systems and the proposed law's requirements concerning access to the vehicle's mechanical data. Under the proposed law, dealers would have to provide prospective owners with, and prospective owners would have to acknowledge receipt of, the notice before buying or leasing a vehicle. Failure to comply with these notice requirements would subject motor vehicle dealers to sanctions by the applicable licensing authority.

Motor vehicle owners and independent repair facilities could enforce this law through state consumer protection laws and recover civil penalties of the greater of treble damages or $10,000 per violation.

A YES VOTE would provide motor vehicle owners and independent repair facilities with expanded access to wirelessly transmitted mechanical data related to their vehicles' maintenance and repair.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the law governing access to vehicles' wirelessly transmitted mechanical data.

QUESTION 2: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 5, 2020?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would implement a voting system known as "ranked-choice voting," in which voters rank one or more candidates by order of preference. Ranked-choice voting would be used in primary and general elections for all Massachusetts statewide offices, state legislative offices, federal congressional offices, and certain other offices beginning in 2022. Ranked-choice voting would not be used in elections for president, county commissioner, or regional district school committee member.

Under the proposed law, votes would be counted in a series of rounds. In the first round, if one candidate received more than 50 percent of the first-place votes, that candidate would be declared the winner and no other rounds would be necessary. If no candidate received more than 50 percent of the first-place votes, then the candidate or candidates who received the fewest first-place votes would be eliminated and, in the next round, each vote for an eliminated candidate would instead be counted toward the next highest-ranked candidate on that voter's ballot. Depending on the number of candidates, additional rounds of counting could occur, with the last-place candidate or candidates in each round being eliminated and the votes for an eliminated candidate going to the voter's next choice out of the remaining candidates. A tie for last place in any round would be broken by comparing the tied candidates' support in earlier rounds. Ultimately, the candidate who was, out of the remaining candidates, the preference of a majority of voters would be declared the winner.

Ranked-choice voting would be used only in races where a single candidate is to be declared the winner and not in races where more than one person is to be elected.

Under the proposed law, if no candidate received more than 50 percent of first-place votes in the first round, the rounds of ballot-counting necessary for ranked-choice voting would be conducted at a central tabulation facility. At the facility, voters' rankings would be entered into a computer, which would then be used to calculate the results of each round of the counting process. The proposed law provides that candidates in a statewide or district election would have at least three days to request a recount.

The Secretary of State would be required to issue regulations to implement the proposed law and conduct a voter education campaign about the ranked-choice voting process. The proposed law would take effect on January 1, 2022.

A YES VOTE would create a system of ranked-choice voting in which voters would have the option to rank candidates in order of preference and votes would be counted in rounds, eliminating candidates with the lowest votes until one candidate has received a majority.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the laws governing voting and how votes are counted.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Post Office in Orange and Library in North Orange, seven days at least before the time of holding such election and by publishing attested copies thereof, in the local newspapers, in said Town, once at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 1st day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty.

Ryan Mailloux

Jane Peirce

Thomas Smith

Patricia Lussier

Alexandre Schwanz

Selectmen, Town of Orange

A true copy, ATTEST:

Randy Plante, Constable of Orange

FRANKLIN,SS.

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Orange, by posting up attested copies of the same at the Post Office in Orange and the Library in North Orange seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting and by publishing attested copies thereof in the local newspapers, in said Town, once at least before the time of holding said meeting as within directed.

Randy Plante, Constable of Orange October 2, 2020

State Election - Orange

Nov. 3, 2020 71.45%

	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Total
Total Registered Voters	2,631	2,710	5,341
Ballots Cast	1,872	1,944	3,816
President/Vice President			
Biden/Harris	902	1,082	1,984
Hawkins/Walker	24	11	35
Jorgensen/Cohen	28	41	69
Trump/Pence	907	792	1,699
Others	4	9	13
Blank	7	9	16
Senator in Congress			
Edward Markey	929	1,072	2,001
Kevin O'Connor	850	786	1,636
Dr. Shiva	43	40	83
Others	10	5	15
Blank	40	41	81
Rep. in Congress			
James McGovern	987	1,139	2,126
Tracy Lyn Lovvorn	821	738	1,559
Others	4	2	6
Blanks	60	65	125

Councillor

Mary Hurley	1,321	1,420	2,741
Others	43	35	78
Blanks	508	489	997

Sen. In General Court

Jo Comerford	1,310	1,433	2,743
Others	40	34	74
Blanks	522	477	999

Rep. in General Court

Susannah Whipps	1,235	1,189	2,424
William E. LaRose	516	634	1,150
Others	4	9	13
Blanks	117	112	229

Register of Probate

John Merrigan	1,289	1,389	2,678
Others	36	25	61
Blanks	547	530	1,077

COG Exec. Comm

Jay DiPucchio	1,290	1,347	2,637
Others	17	18	35
Blanks	565	579	1,144

Question 1 - Right to Repair

Yes	1,391	1,390	2,781
No	420	489	909
Blanks	61	65	126

Question 2 - Ranked Choice Voting

Yes	646	702	1,348
No	1,128	1,139	2,267
Blanks	98	103	201

TOWN OF ORANGE

Gail L. Weiss, Town Accountant

6 Prospect Street

Orange, MA 01364

Phone 978-544-1100 ~ ext. 111

ACCOUNTANT

In compliance with the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 61 of the Massachusetts General Laws, I submit my report as Town Accountant for Fiscal Year 2020

CASH RECEIPTS (NET)

TAXES			
Personal Property	334,790	Meals Tax	44,643
Real Estate	10,802,675	Motel Tax	27,446
Tax Liens Redeemed	202,132	Interest on Taxes & Liens	187,480
Motor Vehicle Excise	821,612	Betterments	8,259
Payment In Lieu of Taxes	15,803		
		Sub-Total	12,444,840

LOCAL RECEIPTS			
Ambulance	689,012	Fees & Permits	
Airport Rentals	110,640	Selectboard	19,790
AOTV	115,898	Building Permits	57,748
Armory Rentals	7,720	Electrical Permits	42,743
Cemetery Burials	22,000	Fire Dept Permits	17,855
Court Fines	15,170	Police Outside Detail (10%)	7,125
Fines - Other	2,442	Town Clerk Fees	12,895
Landfill - Trash Bags	123,299	Town Collector Fees	20,240
Landfill - Other Charges	32,029	Other	5,868
Trailer Payments	24,348		

		Sub-Total	1,326,822
STATE CHERRY SHEET			
Chapter 70 State Ed. Aid	5,432,219	State Owned Land	63,269
Charter School Tuition Reimb	5,549	Veterans Benefits	77,246
Abatements to Elderly, Veterans &		Unrestricted Gen State Aid	1,716,104
Blind	8,354	Misc State Revenue	20,845
		Sub-Total	7,323,586

CASH RECEIPTS (NET)

OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
Earnings on Investments	18,362	Misc Receipts - Anticipated	12,994
SPED-Medicaid	21,647	Misc Receipts - Unanticipated	17,898
		Sub-Total	70,901
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS			
Transfers from Special Revenue		From Sewer Enterprise Fund	86,182
Per Town Meeting Votes	120,626	From Water Enterprise Fund	116,587
Transfers from Excess Circuit Breaker & Insurance	72,486	From Finished Capital Projects	2,329
		Sub-Total	398,210
SPECIAL REVENUE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT & CAFETERIA			
Cafeteria	306,555	Gifts & Miscellaneous Revenue	2,654
Educational Grants - Federal	461,052	School Choice	99,437
Educational Grants - State	149,385	Circuit Breaker	127,665
		Sub-Total	1,146,748
SPECIAL REVENUE TOWN DEPARTMENTS			
Airport Gas Revolving	108,272	Landfill Revolving	40,361

Airport Grants	492,855	Landfill – Recycling Grant	6,300
Ambulance 10% Transfer From General Fund	68,024	Library	14,737
Board of Health	26,950	Planning Board Revolving	9,676
Cemetery - Sale of Lots Revenue	14,730	Planning Development Grants	47,000
Chapter 90 Highway Grants	828,916	Planning Reviews	18,750
Community Development Grant	741,969	Police - Mahar School Officer	55,424
Council on Aging	29,900	Police - Other Revenue	16,221
COVID Grant	9,313	River Front & Other Gifts	3,410
Cultural Council	7,371	Septic Betterments	4,045
Dog Officer Revolving	13,645	Sewer I&I Remediation	636
Fire Dept	668,895	Town Hall Restoration Gifts	2440
Housing Rehab Revolving Loan Payments	93,691	Trustees of Soldiers Memorial Gifts	497
Inspector Revolving	18,663	Other Revenue	2,789
Insurance Reimbursements	77,697		
		Sub-Total	3,423,177

CASH RECEIPTS (NET)

CAPITOL PROJECTS			
Transfer from Capital Stabilization	67,500	MSBA Grant	390,447
Transfer from Sewer Fund	30,000	Bond Proceed for Capitol Plan	347,800
Transfer from Stabilization	48,800	Sewer Aeration Blower Grant	200,000
		Sub-Total	1,084,547
WATER DEPARTMENT			
Water Usage Fees	683,671	Water Stabilization	217,622
Water Investment Earnings	1,603	Water System Development	2,000
Water Interest Charges	5,000	Transfer From Water Stabilization	105,000
Water Point Land Acquisition	35,158		
		Sub-Total	1,050,054
SEWER DEPARTMENT			
Sewer Usage Fees	734,348	Sewer Interest Charges	7,452
Sewer Investment Earnings	565	Sewer Misc Revenue	400

Sewer Liens	28,227		
		Sub-Total	770,992
EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS			
Cemetery Perpetual Care Interest	7,812	Dental Trust Fund	51,660
Cemetery Perpetual Care Transfer	26,812	Moore-Leland - Library	3,389
Mann Interest	505	Other – Library Interest	4,605
Rugg Interest	246	Stabilization Interest	8,231
Bassett Trust - Fire	3	Stabilization Transfer	13,358
Bassett Trust - Police	529	Capital Stabilization Point Sales	21,095
Cemetery Interest	556	Conservation Interest	116
Parks Interest	139	Goddard Charity Interest	1,121
Bartolomei - Library	11,361		
		Sub-Total	151,538
AGENCY FUNDS			
Advertising Notices	849	Pistol Permits Due State	15,963
Custodian – School Agency	5,803	Public Safety Outside Detail	119,926
Deputy Collector Fees	27,549	Tax Title Certificate of Redemption	772
Highway Road Openings	50	Recycling Bins	145
Marijuana Escrows	15,000		
		Sub-Total	186,057
		TOTAL RECEIPTS	**29,377,472**

CASH DISBURSEMENTS	SALARY	EXPENSE	TOTAL
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
Selectmen		3,894	3,894
Selectmen - Landfill Maintenance & Monitoring		13,436	13,436
Selectmen – FEMA Mitigation Plan Match		1,055	1,055
Town Administrator	104,862	242	105,104
Administrator Coordinator	41,800		41,800

Finance Committee		180	180
Town Accountant	82,830	330	83,160
Audit		25,000	25,000
Assessors	30,835	95,183	126,018
Treasurer	37,008	25,005	62,013
Collector	63,959	18,714	82,673
Legal		48,893	48,893
Software Maintenance		15,083	15,083
General Offices		60,878	60,878
Town Clerk	48,473	4,855	53,328
Registrar's	5,917	10,594	16,511
Conservation Commission		140	140
Community Development	45,672	3,689	49,361
Planning Board		197	197
Town Reports		1,064	1,064
Town Hall Maintenance		36,157	36,157
Armory		46,855	46,855
		Sub-Total	872,800
PUBLIC SAFETY			
Police Chief	100,995		100,995
Police Dept	936,648	91,047	1,027,695
Police Radios Leases		10,267	10,267
Fire Chief	105,940		105,940
Fire Dept	864,640	261,790	1,126,430
Fire Training & Gear	11,956	10,332	22,288
Emergency Management	3,000		3,000
Building Inspector	75,561	1,822	77,383
Electrical Inspector	28,479		28,479
Animal Inspector	600		600
Municipal Hearing Officer	2,500		2,500
Regional Animal Control		10,000	10,000

Tree Dept		15,450	15,450
		Sub-Total	2,531,027

CASH DISBURSEMENTS	SALARY	EXPENSE	TOTAL
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT			
General - Elementary School	2,712,083	999,528	3,711,611
SPED - Elementary School	2,160,841	655,800	2,816,641
Fisher School Boiler Repair		7,942	7,942
Mahar Regional School Assessment		4,278,860	4,278,860
Franklin County Tech School Assessment		656,678	656,678
Smith Vocational Tuition		18,202	18,202
Pupil Transportation - Smith Vocational		29,266	29,266
		Sub-Total	11,519,200
PUBLIC WORKS			
Public Works Superintendent	71,933		71,933
Highway	408,667	190,229	598,896
Highway Equipment		29,721	29,721
Snow & Ice	30,533	207,945	238,478
Street Lights		32,170	32,170
Sanitation	98,723	109,703	208,426
FR County Solid Waste Assessment		21,462	21,462
Airport	100,185	42,557	142,742
Airport Capital		20,046	20,046
		Sub-Total	1,363,874
HUMAN SERVICES			
Board of Health	56,499		56,499
Council on Aging	32,174	1,904	34,078
Veteran Services		22,966	22,966
Veteran Benefits		102,057	102,057
		Sub-Total	215,600
CULTURE & RECREATION			
Library Director	60,674		60,674

Library	161,657	103,597	265,254
Agricultural Commission		273	273
		Sub-Total	326,201
DEBT SERVICE			
Long Term Debt Principal		387,895	387,895
Mahar Regional School Debt		171,393	171,393
Long Term Interest		96,601	96,601
Short Term Interest		3,835	3,835
		Sub-Total	659,724

CASH DISBURSEMENTS	SALARY	EXPENSE	TOTAL
STATE & COUNTY ASSMENTS			
Motor Vehicle Non Renewals		12,760	12,760
Air Pollution Control		1,830	1,830
School Choice/Charter		477,759	477,759
FRTA		34,958	34,958
Franklin Regional Council of Governments		35,685	35,685
		Sub-Total	562,992
MISCELLANEOUS			

Retirement Assessment		925,592	925,592
Workers Comp Insurance		69,214	69,214
Unemployment Insurance		21,581	21,581
Health/Dental Insurance		2,046,842	2,046,842
Medicare		127,098	127,098
Police & Fire Accident Insurance		41,832	41,832
Town General Liability Insurance		118,598	118,598
AOTV		115,898	115,898
		Sub-Total	3,466,655
SPECIAL REVENUE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT & CAFETERIA			
Cafeteria	179,279	212,929	392,208
Cafeteria Equipment Grant		2,575	2,575
Educational Grants - Federal	189,405	306,337	495,742
Educational Grants - State	30,000	3,868	33,868
Gifts & Miscellaneous Revenue		402	402
School Choice	338,606		338,606
Circuit Breaker	50,075		50,075
Circuit Breaker Transfer to General Fund		67,549	67,549
		Sub-Total	1,381,025

CASH DISBURSEMENTS	SALARY	EXPENSE	TOTAL
SPECIAL REVENUE TOWN DEPARTMENTS			
Airport Gas Revolving		82,324	82,324
Airport Grants		494,922	494,922
Airport Transfer to General Fund Projects		19,650	19,650
Ambulance Transfers to General Fund		74,061	74,061
Armory Donations		1,224	1,224

Board of Health Revolving		24,681	24,681
Cemetery Lots Buy Backs		5,300	5,300
Cemetery Sale of Lots Transfer		26,812	26,812
Community Development Grants		741,969	741,969
Community IT Grant		4,224	4,224
Council on Aging	22,011	10,062	32,073
COVID CARES Grant		9,313	9,313
Cultural Council		4,490	4,490
Dog Officer Revolving		25,109	25,109
Energy Grant		52,095	52,095
FEMA Mitigation Plan Grant		3,165	3,165
Fire Dept Gifts & Misc		2,618	2,618
Fire Dept Grants	184,457	595,389	779,846
Highway Chapter 90	3,744	582,573	586,317
Inspector Revolving	23,685	44	23,729
Insurance Expense		22,411	22,411
Insurance & Restitution Transfer to General Fund		54,640	54,640
Landfill Revolving		20,434	20,434
Landfill Revolving Transfers to General Fund		26,915	26,915
Landfill Recycling Grant		5,082	5,082
Library	865	24,139	25,004
MVP Planning Grant		18,049	18,049
Planning Board Consultants		10,900	10,900
Planning Board Revolving	47	4,622	4,669
Police - Mahar School Officer	57,688		57,688
Police - Other Revenue	7,676	3,664	11,340
River Front & Memorial Parks Gift		406	406
Soldiers Memorial		3,218	3,218
Town Hall Auditorium		2,033	2,033
Wetlands Protection		914	914
Other Expenses		8,604	8,604
		Sub Total	3,266,229

CASH DISBURSEMENTS	SALARY	EXPENSE	TOTAL
CAPITOL PROJECTS			
Airport Oil Burner		5,800	5,800
East River Street Property Acquisition		67,500	67,500
Fire Equipment		102,018	102,018
Fire Station Structural Repairs		72,800	72,800
Fire Thermal Imaging		18,000	18,000
Highway Dam Repair		3,500	3,500
Highway Trucks		246,939	246,939
Landfill Transfer Station Building Repairs		587	587
Police Cruiser		53,940	53,940
Police Technology		11,700	11,700
School Building Feasibility Study		557,607	557,607
School Technology		70,007	70,007
Town Clerk Records Storage		459	459
WWTP Aeration Blower Equipment		279,769	279,769
WWTP Facility Upgrade Engineering		218,234	218,234
		Sub-Total	1,708,860
WATER DEPARTMENT			
Expenses	253,695	235,039	488,734
Indirect Costs		116,587	116,587
Tully Water		22,749	22,749
Capitol Projects & Infrastructure		81,365	81,365
Water Stabilization Transfer			322,623
		Sub-Total	968,971
SEWER DEPARTMENT			
Expenses	201,231	235,039	436,270
Indirect Costs		86,182	86,182

Debt - Interest		42,192	42,192
Capitol Outlay		20,300	20,300
Reserves		4,110	4,110
Sewer Capital Transfer			30,000
		Sub-Total	669,901

CASH DISBURSEMENTS	SALARY	EXPENSE	TOTAL
EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS			
Bassett Trust - Police		931	931
Bassett Trust - Fire		272	272
Bartolomei - Library		4	4
Cemetery Perpetual Care		4,759	4,759
Cemetery Trust Fund		1,030	1,030
Moore-Leland - Library		15,612	15,612
Dental Trust Fund		23,897	23,897
Peace Statute		810	810
Transfer to Capital - Stabilization		48,800	48,800
Transfer to Capital – Capital Stabilization		67,500	67,500
		Sub-Total	163,615
AGENCY FUNDS			
Advertising Notices		788	788
Custodial Fees - School	5,803		5,803
Deputy Collector Fees		28,576	28,576

Marijuana Escrows		5,000	5,000
Pistol Permits Due State		15,137	15,137
Public Safety Outside Detail	113,573		113,573
Tax Title		180	180
		Sub-Total	169,057
	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		**29,845,731**

ORANGE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT
2020 ANNUAL REPORT

At the December meeting of the airport commissioners, Cain Blackbird was elected as Chairman, and Julie Cole as Vice-Chairman. Current Airport Commission members include Cain, Julie, Scott Parker, Clay Rushford, and Steve Canning. Many thanks to Julie for all the years she has served as Chairman of the Airport Commission. The airport has really come a long way under her leadership.

Fiscal year 2020 (FY20) was a very good year for the airport. Aviation fuel sales were up by 4% over the previous year, and rental revenues to the general fund were up by 15%.

FY20 aviation fuel sales revenue to the airport's revolving fund was $110,645. FY20 airport revenue to the town's general fund was: $114,609 from rentals, $27,756 from taxes, and $27,110 from a CARES Act Grant, for a total of $169,475 in general fund revenue. The airport's FY20 direct operating cost from the general fund was $140,193.

However, with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent economic fallout, the airport experienced a downturn in business through the first half of FY21. While rental revenues held steady through the second-quarter, aviation fuel sales dropped by about 40%.

The airport secured over $5.4 million in state and federal funding for three major airport improvement projects in 2020 including: $5.2 million for the reconstruction of Runway 1-19, $220,000 for the purchase of a new plow truck, and $34,000 for approach tree clearing, bringing the total funding secured for airport improvements to $19.2 million under the current management.

The airport also completed a state and federally funded Part 77 Aeronautical Airspace Study, and a Wildlife Hazard Management Plan in 2020. Both of these projects will greatly enhance the safety of the airport.

Other infrastructure improvements completed at the airport in 2020 include, a new roof on a municipally owned hangar, a new coat of paint on the large municipal hangar by the dog park, the installation of hard surface on the dog park access road and adjacent parking lot, and the installation of a new airport rotating beacon.

The airport completed the first phase of the Runway 1-19 Reconstruction Project and opened the runway for daytime use in November when the construction was put on-hold for the winter. The second phase of the project is scheduled to resume in May and includes, the installation of new LED runway edge lights, grooving of the runway, the application of runway paint markings, and final grading and seeding. The Runway 1-19 Reconstruction Project also includes the installation of a new box culvert beneath the airport's south access road, which will provide the airport with a reliable access to previously inaccessible development sites off of South Main Street.

You may have noticed the tree clearing along Route 2 near exit 16 as part of the Runway 1-19 Reconstruction Project. The approach clearing has allowed for an increase in the runway's length from 4,999 feet to 5,001 feet. The increased runway length will allow for corporate air traffic previously unable to land at Orange due to insurance restrictions, to now utilize our airport.

In keeping with the airport's mission, the new runway length will make the airport much more attractive to corporate/business aviation, and help the town to attract and support local economic development.

The Orange Airport Commission and Airport Manager would like to thank all of the various boards, committees, and citizens of Orange, for your continued support in furthering the airport's role to "Foster an Environment of Investment in Our Community."

Respectfully,
Len Bedaw – Airport Manager

ORANGE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Board of Assessors is responsible for the valuation of real estate and personal property subject to taxation. The Registry of Motor Vehicles is responsible for motor vehicle valuations and supplies the data for excise bills. Assessed values for Real and Personal Property are based on "full and fair cash value" as of January 1st, preceding each fiscal year.

Fiscal Year 2020 Assessments and Property Tax Revenue Summary

Property Class	Levy%	Valuation by Class	Tax Rate	Tax Levy
Residential	82.2994%	472,674,827	20.33	9,609,479.23
Commercial	9.2138%	52,918,402	20.33	1,075,831.11
Industrial	5.3126%	30,512,350	20.33	620,316.08
Personal Property	3.1742%	18,230,430	20.33	370,624.64
TOTALS	100%	574,336,009		11,676,251.06

Valuation and Tax History

Fiscal Year	Tax Rate	Total Valuation	Accounts	Tax Levy	Change%
2020	20.33	574,336,009	3,554	11,676,251	2.90
2019	22.52	503,868,557	3,518	11,347,120	3.46
2018	21.94	499,907,972	3,459	10,967,981	3.17

Abstract of Assessments

Property Class Code & Description	Accounts	Class Valuation	Average Value
101 Residential Single Family	2,107	373,381,800	177,210
102 Residential Condominiums	51	6,871,400	134,733
Miscellaneous Residential	122	14,956,300	122,593
104 Residential Two Family	158	20,982,200	132,799
105 Residential Three Family	33	4,358,100	132,064
111-125 Apartments	38	17,537,900	461,524
130-132 & 106 Vacant Land	539	19,711,100	36,570
300-393 Commercial	165	45,002,500	272,742
400-452 Industrial	44	27,268,600	619,741
501-552 Personal Property	89	18,230,430	204,836
600-821 Chapter 61, 61A, 61B	156	1,192,939	7,647
012-043 Mixed Use Properties	52	24,842,740	477,745
Exempt 900's	211	57,004,500	
Totals	3,765	631,340,509	

Assessors' Account for Exemptions and Abatements

Description	FY2020	FY2019	FY2018
Assessor's Overlay	118,867.99	121,603.67	143,223.84
Overlay Deficits	0.00	0.00	0.00
Charges to 6/30/2020	94,215.16	88,924.79	87,234.43
Potential Liability	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Balance	24,652.83	32,678.88	55,989.41

New Growth Revenues

Fiscal Year	Added Valuation	Tax Rate	New Revenue	Change %
2020	3,545,459	22.52	79,845	-35.63
2019	5,263,275	21.94	115,475	72.22
2018	3,158,262	21.23	67,050	-32.52

As always, if you have any questions regarding any assessing issues, please feel free to contact Randi Bjorlin, Assessors Clerk, at 978-544-1100 x108 or by email at assessors *a* townoforange.org. Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Closed for lunch from 12:30 pm to 1:00 pm. Wednesday: 9:00 am to 7:00 pm, Closed for lunch from 12:00 to 1:00. Closed Friday.

Respectfully submitted by the Board of Assessors

Cynthia Brown, Chairman
Lisa Elliot, Member

Harald M Scheid, Regional Tax Assessor
Joshua Gendron, Regional Associate Assessor
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Board of Health Annual Report 2020 – Town of Orange, MA

On March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization declared the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak a global pandemic. On March 12, 2020, the Orange Board of Health declared a state of emergency due to prevalence of the Covid-19 pandemic. The first case of the coronavirus was detected in Orange, MA on March 29, 2020.

On top of the comprehensive response to the pandemic, the Board of Health provides services to the Town of Orange including communicable and reportable disease surveillance, public health investigations, emergency dispensary site management, public health messaging, public health emergency response, tobacco control enforcement, substance abuse prevention programs, state mandated public health permitting and inspections, and nuisance complaint management.

The Board of Health staffs one full time employee the Health Agent, Matthew Fortier and one part time employee the administrative assistant, Leanna Dennis. The health agent is appointed by the Board of Health, which is an elected three-member board: Chair Patricia Pierson, RN, Member Jane Peirce, RS and Member Josefa Scherer.

The Board of Health generally meets the first Tuesday of every month at 6PM, in the Board of Health Office located at 135 East Main Street in the Armory Building. Due to the ongoing pandemic, in person meetings have been replaced with Zoom Meetings.

Communicable Disease and the Covid-19 Pandemic

A crucial part of public health work is disease surveillance, investigation, and intervention. The Orange Board of Health monitors the Massachusetts Virtual Epidemiological Network (MAVEN) for the Town of Orange and completes follow-up investigations on communicable and other reportable diseases.

The most prevalent communicable disease of 2020 was the severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 [SARS-CoV-2] aka the "coronavirus" or "Covid-19". The first case of the virus was detected in Orange on March 29th, 2020. This was the beginning of a surge of Covid-19 in Orange. To protect public health -

the Board of Health ordered individuals to isolate if they tested positive for Covid-19. Others we ordered to quarantine due to Covid-19 exposures. People were ordered to stay home for a 1-to-2-week period based on CDC guidance and MDPH protocol. The quarantines and isolations helped to slow and control the community spread.

The Board of Health was involved in all contact tracing efforts throughout the year. Contact tracing was performed exclusively by the Board of Health from March until June 2020. In late June the state launched the Contact Tracing Collaborative and hired individuals to assist boards of health with the Covid-19 contact tracing efforts. The following table is a breakdown of all MAVEN events for 2020 and 2019:

Disease Common Name	Status	2020	2019
Campylobacteriosis	Confirmed	-	1
Group B streptococcus	Confirmed	2	1
Hepatitis C	Confirmed	4	5
Influenza	Confirmed	10	12
Novel Coronavirus	Confirmed	153	-
Tuberculosis	Confirmed	-	2
Vibrio sp.	Confirmed	-	1
Novel Coronavirus	Contact	167	-
Giardiasis	Probable	-	1
Hepatitis C	Probable	1	1
Novel Coronavirus	Probable	8	-
Ehrlichiosis	Revoked	-	1
Group B streptococcus	Revoked	-	1
Hepatitis C	Revoked	4	3
Human Granulocytic Anaplasmosis	Revoked	-	1
Measles	Revoked	-	1
Mumps	Revoked	2	1
Novel Coronavirus	Revoked	2	-
Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever	Revoked	-	1

Borrelia miyamotoi infection	Suspect	3	-
Ehrlichiosis	Suspect	-	1
Human Granulocytic Anaplasmosis	Suspect	2	-
Influenza	Suspect	42	39
Lyme Disease	Suspect	14	17
Novel Coronavirus	Suspect	5	-
	Total	419	90

The data table shows that Covid-19 was extremely prevalent in Orange during 2020. Overall data entry into MAVEN increased by 465% from 2019 to 2020 leading to a greater need for the Board of Health's focus on epidemiological study and actions taken to handle the Covid-19 pandemic. Non Covid-19 activity in MAVEN totals 84 events in 2020 compared to 90 events in 2019, a decrease of 6.7%.

State of Emergency – The Covid-19 Pandemic in the Town of Orange

On March 12, 2020, the Orange Board of Health, declared a state of emergency due to prevalence of the Covid-19 Pandemic and its detection in Massachusetts. The Board ordered Town offices to be closed to public access effective March 16th. The first case of the coronavirus was soon after detected in Orange, MA on March 29, 2020.

Recommendations to the Schools, Collaboration with the Schools

The Board of Health spent a significant amount of time working with the Orange Elementary Schools and RC Mahar Regional School. In person classes ceased on March 13, 2020 following the emergency declaration. During the closure, a combination of consultations, inspections, meetings, published document guidance, contact tracing efforts and advisory sessions helped the school administration to return students to school safely.

Parks and Public Beaches

Under emergency powers the Board of Health ordered the public parks in Orange closed effective March 31, 2020. This order was revised to allow the parks and beaches to reopen with restrictions starting on May 25, 2020. The order remains in effective during the pandemic and sets rules for face coverings, gathering sizes and social distancing.

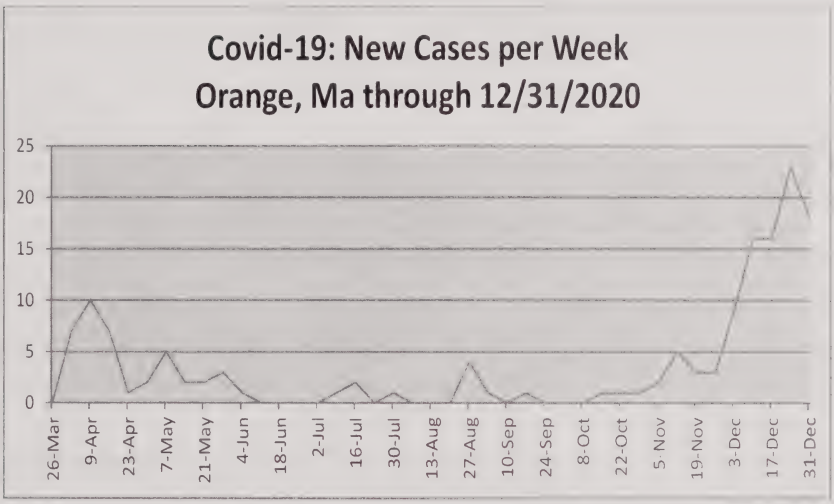
Face Covering Order

Under emergency powers the Board of Health ordered that individuals over 2 years old wear a face covering in public places. This did not apply to those with medical exemptions.

The order went into effect April 22 and remains in effect during the pandemic.

Board of Health Covid-19 Outreach Effort – Social Media

To help better communicate Covid-19 updates to the public, the Orange Board of Health created a Facebook Page on March 27, 2020. The page is actively managed and has garnered over 1400 followers with over 1300 likes. Content includes case counts, Covid-19 guidance & vaccine information. Graphs were published weekly, such as the following:



The initial surge in Orange, MA began in March 2020 and gained momentum through Easter Sunday in April. A face covering order was implemented in response to the surge, which helped to reverse the strong upward trendline. The summer in Orange had very low numbers for new infections. Travel orders in the late spring and early summer helped to stop the spread in Massachusetts. In the Fall of 2020 the cases began to rise after Halloween in October. Following Thanksgiving, new weekly case counts surged into the end of 2020. Half of all 2020 Covid-19 cases in Orange, MA were logged in December 2020.

Flu Clinics & Covid-19 Clinics -2020

The Orange Board of Health EDS ran one flu vaccine clinic at the R.C. Mahar parking lot site on December 12, 2020. Forty individuals were vaccinated against the flu. The flu shot was provided free of charge, and the primary recipients were minors and the uninsured.

This flu clinic was the first town-run clinic in over 3 years and was held for two major reasons:

1. To help vaccinate underserved populations against the flu
2. To prepare and train for large scale Covid-19 vaccination events in 2021

Covid-19 vaccine was not yet approved nor available in 2020 however the Board of Health did fulfill certain administrative obligations to be in line to receive vaccine once available in 2021.

Region 2 Emergency Preparedness Coalition:

The Massachusetts Region 2 Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coalition is comprised of 74 cities and towns throughout central Massachusetts and is responsible to facilitate and assist those communities with their Public Health emergency planning and preparedness. The Town of Orange is served by the Region 2 PHEP Coalition. Every year the Board of Health runs emergency preparedness drills and emergency dispensary drills with Region 2.

Sharps Disposal and Container Exchange Program

The Orange Board of Health Department is a drop off site to dispose of sharps, supplying sharps containers at no cost to residents to bring back when full. Exchange is available by appointment at the Armory or during regular hours at the transfer station. This program is open to the residents of Orange. All sharps brought in must by in a sealed and secured container.

Tobacco Control – 2020 Inspections

The Orange Board of Health permits 8 retail establishments to sell tobacco products to persons that are 21 years and older. The Board of Health has tobacco control regulations protecting people in the work place and public places as well as regulations for retail establishments in order to reduce the selling of tobacco to youth. A copy of these regulations can be found on the Board of Health website.

Tobacco law enforcement in Orange is managed by Joan Hamlett the director of the Central Massachusetts Boards of Health Tobacco Control Alliance. Below is a breakdown of the work and inspections performed by the Tobacco Control Alliance for 2020:

Youth Access:	
Number of Store Inspections *Includes Community Complaint Inspections*	**17**
Number of Violations	**2**
Retail Education Checks:	
Number of Store Inspections	**17**
Number of Violations	**3**
Number of Warnings	**3**
Smoke-Free Workplace Law or Secondhand smoke Inspections:	
Number of complaints requiring Inspections:	**0**

Number of Violations:	0
Pricing Survey	**0**

Substance Abuse Prevention

The North Quabbin Community Coalition (NQCC) Substance Abuse Prevention Task serves as a local communication hub for all involved in the epidemic of heroin and opioid use. The Task Force continues their work to promote the North Quabbin as a community that cares, and supports both prevention and long term recovery. In collaboration with The Franklin County Sheriff's Office and The Opioid Task Force they have launched The North Quabbin Recovery Center which officially opened on April 6, 2018. The center is located at 416 Main St. in Athol and serves all North Quabbin residents, both peers and allies.

Please visit www.nqcc.org for more information.

Animal Inspector 2020:

The animal inspector for the Town of Orange is the Health Agent, Matthew Fortier. This role is appointed by MDAR annually. The animal inspector is concerned with the overall health and well-being of domestic pets and livestock in the Town of Orange. The animal inspector responds to reports of animal abuse, quarantines sick animals and conducts yearly barn inspections.

Rabies control is a leading concern and responsibility of the animal inspector. Depending on the nature of a bite and ability to collect a biting specimen, pets are placed under quarantine for a specified period. The following is the cat and dog rabies quarantine data for 2020:

10 Day Quarantines: 11

45 Day Quarantines: 2

4 Month Quarantines: 0

For additional information on rabies quarantines please visit:
http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/agr/animal-health/rabies-control-program/

On top of quarantine management, the Animal Inspector conducts yearly barn inspections filling out a Barn Book issued by the Department of Agriculture for the purpose of collecting information on where farm animals (chickens, goats, horses, alpacas, pigs, turkeys, donkeys ect) are kept, noting the number and kind of each animal, minimum standards of shelter available, observations of the health status of the animals, and any cases of potential animal abuse or neglect. Note: in 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic, MDAR paused all routine barn inspections. Currently barn inspections are only being done in response to reports of poor conditions and animals abuses. For health and safety concerns with domestic pets, livestock and rabid animals please reach out.

Public Health Inspections:

Local public health authorities are mandated through federal and State law to enforce codes, regulations and by-laws as necessary to ensure the health and welfare of its inhabitants. Various enforcement actions within the Food, Public-Semi Public Pools, Title 5, Housing, Recreational Camps, Body Art, and Mobile Park regulations are provided by the Board of Health.

Below is a summary of inspections for the calendar year 2020.

Summary of Inspections:

For calendar year 2020, there were 137 inspections logged by the Board of Health Agent.

- 16 Food Service Inspections
- 56 Housing Inspections
- 29 Title V Septic, Soil and Well Inspections
- 4 Animal Inspections
- 5 Nuisance Complaint Inspections
- 3 Campground, camp, bathing beach inspections
- 24 Covid-19 inspections



In 2020 the Health Agent logged 137 physical inspections, compared to 411 inspections in 2019. The significant decrease in inspections was due to pandemic related factors including the suspension of routine health inspections by the Board of Health and effects from the closure of businesses and a move toward remote participation whenever possible. To avoid spreading or catching the coronavirus, all issues were handled remotely by the Board of Health whenever possible, including and not limited to inspections.

Budget Overview:

The Board of Health operates with a revolving fund with a spending limit of $30,000. Line-item expenditures were created to ensure proper allocation of money within the department's operating budget. The revolving fund is primarily funded by revenue from Board of Health permit fees. Below is a breakdown of Board of Health application types for 2020:

Body Art Establishment	6	**Tanning**	1	**Inn / B&B**	2
Food	49	**Tobacco**	8	**Seasonal**	3
Funeral	2	**Well Permits**	9	**Mobile Home Park**	3
Haulers	20	**Septic**	21	**Installers**	12
Soil Evaluation	16	**Total**	152		

BOH permit applications and fees helped generate a turn in of $23,248.33 additionally, we secured a $6000 Covid-19 Grant bringing 2020 turn in to $29,248.33.

Report Submitted by Matthew Fortier

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THE 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

On March 18th, 2020 a State of Emergency was declared in the Town of Orange due to COVID-19. The Town Offices closed to the public in an effort to reduce transmission. The Town Offices remained closed to the public throughout the rest of the year. Town employees continued working, remotely and in the offices, to keep the Town functional.

Due to COVID-19, the Annual Town Election was postponed until May. Bill Wrigley decided not to run for re-election. Jane Peirce's term was up, which resulted in four Selectmen positions on the ballot. Jane Peirce was re-elected and the three new members elected were Thomas Smith, Patricia Lussier and Alexandre Schwanz. Following the election, the Board was fully seated with five members again. At the reorganization of the Board of Selectmen, which occurs following the Annual Town Election, Ryan Mailloux was elected Chairman; Jane Peirce, Vice-Chairman; Thomas Smith, Clerk; and Patricia Lussier and Alexandre Schwanz, Members.

Over the course of the year, the Board worked together to navigate the Town's business. The Board set out with a clear course of action to accomplish updating the Town's outdated Personnel Policies, and they enacted a plan to do so. Through meeting on a bi-weekly basis, the Board used their "off" Wednesdays to review Personnel Policies as drafted from the Human Resources Department. At the following meeting, the Board would discuss each policy, as a group, and vote the policies into effect. As the year progressed, the Board successfully updated all of the Personnel Policies. Among many successes, the Board continued its

partnership with departments to bring department heads to meetings to provide citizens and the Board with updates on what is taking place. The open dialog and communication have allowed for increased transparency for the entire community.

The Board of Selectmen thanks the Orange Merchants Group and the Highway Department for all of their hard work in bringing the Holiday spirit back to the downtown area. Funds were raised to purchase all new Christmas lights for Memorial Park and a skyline to go across the river from the Fire Station to the Boathouse.

Although the year posed many challenges, the employees and volunteers kept the Town running smoothly. Through their hard work and dedication, the Town continued to provide the essential services needed for the citizens and continued working towards building a brighter future for "The Friendly Town".

The Board of Selectmen cannot say **"THANK YOU"** enough to all who have stepped forward; to the employees, all the Town departments, service organizations, and the many volunteers who did and are still doing a magnificent job throughout the year.

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2020 ANNUAL REPORT

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Selectmen and Citizens of Orange:

I hereby submit my Fourth Annual Report of the Building Department.

The year 2020 was quite different from past years for the Building Department. The pandemic created difficult working conditions for the department. Due to the closing of public buildings, inspections were very difficult to complete. That being said, we had a fairly successful year.

The following are the departments statistics from January 1st 2020 thru December 31st 2020. The estimated value of construction in Orange for 2020 was $11,518,589.65 The cost to fund the Building Department was $119,861.00. A total of $120,715.16 was collected in fees or 100.7% of the cost of operation

The following is a list of permits issued and fees collected in 2020.

Building Inspector

290 Permits Issued

$77,002.16 Collected in permit fees

Electric Inspector

245 Permits Issued

$27,208.00 Collected in fees

Plumbing Inspector

245 Permits Issued

$11,380.00 Collected in permit fees

Gas Inspector

49 Permits Issued

$5,125.00 Collected in permit fees

Respectfully Submitted,

Phil Harris

Inspector of Buildings

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE

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Orange, MA 01364

The Capital Improvement Committee for Orange is established under Town By Laws – Chapter 12 – Article III. They are charged with the responsibility to study proposed capital expenditures that are made in order to provide, replace, or improve the facilities that furnish services to the public.

Much of the work of the Committee takes place at the start of a new budget cycle for any given fiscal year. Department heads who submit projects are given the opportunity to present these projects and committee members have the opportunity to ask any questions they may have. Finally, the committee makes a recommendation based on the priorities set in advance.

In 2020, the Committee adopted its first capital planning document. This document outlines the administrative procedure for project submission and scoring. This document will apply to the Fiscal Year 2022 funding cycle, building off the implementation in Fiscal Year 2021. New to the Fiscal Year 2022 funding cycle is a committed public engagement method. Each year, the Committee will hold an engagement effort, either survey or forum, to gather public feedback on each project. The full plan can be requested from awade@townoforange.org, or online at the town's website.

The Capital Improvement Committee, like any committee or board in Orange, depends on public participation. The Committee is working to find qualified candidates to join moving forward.

Additional volunteers interested in committing their time to the Committee should direct inquiries to the town hall offices. The expected commitment is biweekly for 5 months each year.

TOWN OF ORANGE

Colin P. Killay

Highway, Cemetery & Parks Superintendent

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The Orange Cemetery Department had, like all of us have, an unusual year. The employees worked diligently through a year in which COVID-19 challenged us to stay on top of the daily maintenance as well as planned projects. The employees pushed through with determination and professionalism to continue to maintain all cemeteries with the utmost care. This year also brought other challenges to the department. Several severe storms brought numerous trees in some of the cemeteries. Central Cemetery took the brunt of the damage from these storms. Numerous large pine trees in the lower section came down as well as countless limbs throughout. The employees spent large chunks of time cleaning up. We are happy to say that even though the damage was significant in areas of the cemetery that no stones were damaged.

The department was able to repair the transition of the entrance into Holtshire Cemetery. The repair allows any visitors or vehicles to be able to enter the cemetery safely and easily without the worry of damage to their vehicles. The Department has no major projects planned for the upcoming year. The employees are focused on continuing the maintenance of all cemeteries and preparing them for a return to a more normal Memorial Day services. The department is awaiting the delivery of the new Ford F-550 dump truck sometimes this spring. The new truck was approved at the STM in September 2020. The new truck will replace a 2008 Ford F-350 dump truck that came from the Highway Department. The new truck will be equipped with a plow and hydraulic sander that is calibrated by computer to be extremely accurate, a leaf box that will make the cleanup of cemeteries and parks more efficient. It will also assist in the treatment and plowing of town roads. The department and Commission appreciate the residents support in the purchase of the truck.

The end of this year also had a change in personnel in the department. Tyler Emery moved from the Cemetery Department to the Highway Department. The Cemetery Department hired Jamey Bass to fill the open position.

The Cemetery Department had the following call for burials this year.

Cremation burials- 28 Traditional burials- 20

Respectfully,

Colin P. Killay
Superintendent- Highway, Cemetery & Parks
Tree Warden
Town of Orange

Collector's Office
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SE (Sewer Liens) BE (Septic Betterments) RB (Road Betterments)

WL (Water Liens) QRB (Quabbin Road Betterments)

LFS (Sewer Fees) LFW (Water Fees)

Year	Tax	Recommitted	Committed	Paid	Outstanding 6/30/2020
2018	SE	$308.61		$308.61	$0.00
2018	LSF	$125.00		$125.00	$0.00
2018	RB	$96.15		$96.15	$0.00
2019	SE	$4,030.31		$3,681.95	$348.36
2019	LSF	$574.70		$449.70	$125.00
2019	WL	$485.48		$485.48	$0.00
2019	QRB	$61.44		$0.00	$61.44
2019	RB	$192.31		$96.16	$96.15
2020	SE		$28,362.39	$19,051.50	$9,310.89
2020	LFS		$4,175.00	$2,962.50	$1,212.50
2020	WL		$3,588.99	$1,169.87	$2,419.12
2020	LFW		$375.00	$137.50	$237.50
2020	QRB		$5,038.08	$4,792.32	$245.76
2020	RB		$2,115.41	$1,923.10	$192.31
2020	BE		$3,453.02	$3,453.02	$0.00
Total		**$5,874.00**	**$47,107.89**	**$38,732.86**	**$14,249.03**

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Real Estate (RE)						
Year	Recommitted	Committed	Paid	Abate Exemptions Adjust Tax Title	Refunds Adjust Reversal	Outstanding 6/30/2020
1987	$393.50					$393.50
1988	$0.00					$0.00
1989	$383.80					$383.80
1990	$1,767.95					$1,767.95
1991	$10,955.44					$10,955.44
1992	$1,464.96					$1,464.96
2001	$492.53					$492.53
2002	$904.71					$904.71
2003	$1,178.37					$1,178.37
2004	$921.31					$921.31
2005	$775.87					$775.87
2006	$874.07			874.07		$0.00
2007	$880.92			880.92		$0.00
2008	$595.66			595.66		$0.00
2009	$523.99			523.99		$0.00
2010	$981.52		$471.46	654.66		$242.37
2011	$1,173.87			747.76		$426.11
2012	$1,211.76			757.13		$454.63
2013	$1,287.80			804.64		$483.16
2014	$890.27		$2,990.61	890.27		$791.57
2015	$7,947.47		$459.88	$936.73		$6,550.86
2016	$10,286.49		$909.23	$2,231.45		$7,145.81
2017	$19,095.11		$1,054.09	$11,733.98	$715.45	$7,022.49
2018	$121,317.33		$67,291.14	$46,976.33	$1,012.22	$8,062.10
2019	$248,437.00		$175,002.27	$52,609.13	$34,030.13	$54,855.73
2020	$0.00	$11,304,248.06	$10,610,952.30	$83,616.16	$10,979.05	$620,658.65
Totals	**$434,741.70**	**$11,304,248.06**	**$10,859,130.98**	**$204,832.88**	**$46,736.85**	**$725,931.92**

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Motor Vehicle Excise (MVE)						
Year	Recommitted	Committed	Paid Rescinded	Abated Adjusted	Refunds Adjusted Reversals	Outstanding 6/30/2020
2015	$5,699.35		$449.16	$5,278.56		-$28.37
2016	$6,161.40		$1,539.69			$4,621.71
2017	$10,408.18		$2,815.45	$113.44	$30.00	$7,509.29
2018	$25,837.00		$13,546.42	$404.90	$404.90	$12,290.58
2019	$123,446.23	$41,659.57	$182,711.15	$8,976.85	$9,090.56	$26,527.01
2020		$725,085.56	$631,588.07	$11,214.11	$7,189.16	$89,472.54
Total	**$171,552.16**	**$766,745.13**	**$832,649.94**	**$25,987.86**	**$16,714.62**	**$140,392.76**

Personal Property (PP)						
Year	Recommitted	Committed	Paid	Abated Exempted Adjusted	Refund Adjusted Reversal	Outstanding 6/30/2020
2014	$440.59					$440.59
2015	$1,736.78					$1,736.78
2016	$2,046.46					$2,046.46
2017	$1,257.38					$1,257.38
2018	$887.79				$0.49	$888.28
2019	$1,585.88		$919.05			$666.83
2020	$88,560.25	$370,624.67	$342,474.05		$8,602.64	$36,753.26
Total	**$96,515.13**	**$370,624.67**	**$343,393.10**	**$0.00**	**$8,603.13**	**$43,789.58**

Departmentals				
	Recommitted	Committed	Paid	Outstanding 6/30/2020
Armory		$7,720.00	$7,720.00	$0.00
Cemetery		$22,000.00	$22,000.00	$0.00
Trailer		$26,136.00	$24,348.00	$1,788.00
Total	**$0.00**	**$55,856.00**	**$54,068.00**	**$1,788.00**

As the local, state, national and global economies continue to deal with, and evolve from, the Covid-19 Pandemic, and how to keep moving forward, in spite of this crisis, the Conservation Commission in 2020 dealt with an inordinate number of applications, requests and emergency actions. Probably more than any other year, despite Covid requirements, the local economy was very robust. Our Commission dealt with more than 50 jurisdictional applications, requests and other activities in or near resource areas and is still receiving applications for work within areas subject to jurisdiction of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, including the buffer zone. These applications have been comprised of municipal, commercial and private home construction and improvements. While we have been slowed by this pandemic, we are managing to stay in communication and have been utilizing a Town zoom meeting website in order to keep conducting business, as best as possible

The Conservation Commission also has many conversations regarding how to go about complying with the Act, and even how to avoid having to file by keeping activities out of regulated areas. We have worked with the town's DPW to address road and culvert repairs and with local property owners and businesses who want to conduct maintenance on their lands.

In 2020, the Conservation Commission issued:

- 14 Orders of Conditions, including the Fisher Hill School Renovation
- 10 Determinations of Applicability,
- 1 Extension Permit,
- 6 Emergency Certifications for culvert replacements, failing retaining walls and road repairs.
- 7 Certificates of Compliance for completed projects for this year and previous years.
- 4 enforcement orders were filed with homeowners who were found to be in violation of the Wetlands Protection Act and have been subsequently corrected.
- As a result of our pro-active approach, 12 site visits were made prior to work being done to assist residents and developers in understanding what was required, thereby streamlining the development process in an effort to make the process as easy and simple as possible.

There are also two bridge replacement projects that are currently in the approval process that we anticipate completing in 2021. East Road over West Brook and Tully Road over the Tully River, which is in conjunction with the Town of Athol due to the fact that the river is the town/county line between the two towns and Franklin and Worcester County

The original mission assigned to municipal Conservation Commissions when established in 1958 is acquisition and management of open space within their Towns' boundaries. In support of this mission, we interact with various land management organizations to identify lands for preservation as open space and to develop funding and support for its preservation. We also manage parcels of conservation land donated or otherwise acquired by the Town for the benefit of our citizens and the natural environment we value and enjoy.

Under the leadership of our Planning Board Chairman, Mercedes Clingerman, our Town Planner, Alec Wade and our Town Administrator, Gabriele Voelker, the town is developing a web site that will allow all residents and people doing business in the town to view all the departments and have access to all interdepartmental documents, permits and active applications, thereby giving public access to the towns records with the goal of availability to the process required to develop property and also provide full transparency.

As continues to be true every year, our commitment to the Citizens of Orange is that the members of the Conservation Commission, while administering the Act, will do our best to assist applicants through the review process in as informative and friendly a manner as possible. It is our belief that this approach not only best protects the benefits provided by our natural resources, but also makes compliance with a difficult and confusing set of regulations as pleasant and easy a process as it can be.

For additional information regarding the Conservation Commission and the Wetlands Protection Act, please visit the Town of Orange web site.

Edward T. Berry, Chairman
Sarah Wells, Member
Timothy Newton, Member

Town of Orange

Council on Aging

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Tracy Gaudet, Director

Annual Report FY 2020

The Orange Council on Aging works to evaluate, promote and encourage new and existing services for Senior Citizens in our town. The COA is a coordinating agency joining other local groups to work together to support the elderly in our area.

The Orange Council on Aging is located at 135 East Main Street in the Orange Armory Building. The COA office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 8:00 – 4:30 and Wednesday 8:00 – 7:00pm. To reach the office please call 978-544-3481.

The Council on Aging would like to recognize and thank The Board of Directors for their time and dedication in support of our elder senior residents in 2019:

Henry Oertel, Chair

Bonnie Bradshaw

Joanne Wheeler

Jeri Deyo

Nancy Magill

Nancy Sawyer

Heather O'Connor

The Council on Aging received two grants from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs as follows:

1. A Formula Grant in the amount of $19,872 which pays wages for a part-time secretary, various programming i.e. foot clinic, programming supplies, office equipment, etc.

2. The Service Incentive Grant is in the amount of $14,000. The Service Incentive Grant is a consortium which serves the towns of Orange, Warwick and Royalston. This money is granted to the town of Orange and therefore, The Town of Orange is charged with the task of increasing outreach in these two additional rural towns. This grant pays the wages and expenses of the outreach worker.

Activities at the senior center include:

All activities at the Orange Senior Center were suspended for what we thought would be a short time due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. Activities, in fact, are continuing to be suspended indefinitely. The Orange Council on Aging, in partnership with Life Path turned our congregate lunch site into a grab n go lunch program for those who wanted to participate. SHINE continued on throughout the 2020 year by telephone. Volunteers stepped in to help with wellness checks on the seniors in our town. Work at the Council on Aging seemed to double due to the strict precautions we were required to take due to the pandemic. Keeping our Seniors and ourselves safe were the focus of all work.

The Council on Aging assisted 189 clients with health care applications and 170 follow ups. Applications were done by telephone or Zoom. Health care applications that we assisted with are state subsidy programs, Mass Health, Health Safety Net, Prescription Advantage, LIS, Medicare savings program, Medicare supplemental plans, SNAP, USDA 504 applications, housing applications, legal referrals and more.

The Council on Aging met 15 new clients this year.

The council assisted with 35 walk-ins (Jan – mid March), faxing paperwork or making appointments, and screened 1,570 telephone calls for various requests for general information and assistance.

The council completed 63 fuel assistance intakes and AARP Volunteers served 38 seniors who filed income tax returns.

The Friends of the Orange Council on Aging is a nonprofit 501©3 organization and helps support the Council on Aging financially with special programming.

It is a pleasure serving as Director of the Orange Council on Aging,

Tracy Gaudet

Town of Orange

Economic Development & Industrial Corporation

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Orange, MA 01364

In 2020, the Orange EDIC completed a full update of the Town's Economic Development Plan. The Plan details demographic data, unique market features, and a path forward for economic development in Orange.

With the successful sale of all Randal Pond lots, the Orange EDIC will now shift focus to town wide efforts. Working in tandem with the Office of Community Development, the EDIC will conduct site level feasibility work, development, and marketing for sites designated as viable for development. Whenever possible, this will be coordinated with grant funding to ensure the most effective use of funding.

The Board of Selectmen appoints the members of the Board of Directors for three-year terms. They are as follows: Mark Ostberg, Chairman, Richard Sheridan, Clerk, Karl Bittenbender, Treasurer, Mark Wright, William Wrigley, Gabriel Voelker, and Liza Hurlburt.

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Chief James R. Young Jr.

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Fire-Rescue-EMS and Emergency Management
Annual Report for 2020

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Orange:

I hereby submit this annual report of the Fire-Rescue-EMS and Emergency Management Departments for calendar year 2020.

2020 was both a challenging and productive year for the departments. A need for administrative support and additional staffing still exists with the ever-increasing duties of operating the Fire, Emergency Medical Services, and Emergency Management functions within the organization. Aging apparatus, equipment and facilities, along with limited staffing, continue to hamper the efforts of the departments to provide the best possible quality of service to the citizens we serve.

Early on during 2020, the term COVID-19 changed our professional and personal lives dramatically. We have done our best as an organization to stay current with information and procedures to reduce exposure to this highly contagious and potentially deadly virus. We have remained available ready and willing to serve without hesitation. We extend our condolences to those affected, especially those who have lost their battle against COVID, their friends, families, and loved ones. It has been an honor to serve with members of my department alongside other departments working towards vaccinating essential workers and eventually all citizens in an effort to make COVID-19 a distant memory.

The Orange Fire Department Headquarters, located at 18 Water Street, was constructed in 1936 and designed for much smaller emergency apparatus. The current building is in disrepair and no longer meets the needs of a modern organization. The Water Street station should be extensively renovated or a new Headquarters/Public Safety Complex constructed on another site. Funding requests for a new Public Safety Complex have been included in the Fire Department's five-year Capital Improvement Plan. Constructing a new facility meeting the needs of our organization focusing on the safety and wellness of our employees is the top priority as we move into calendar year 2021.

The Department experienced some staffing changes during 2020. Fulltime Firefighter Paramedic Jared Wayne resigned in August after just under one year of service to pursue another employment opportunity. Fulltime Firefighter/Paramedic Ben Miller resigned in April after more than four years of service to seek another employment opportunity. He remained an active member of the on-call staff until resigning at the end of the year due to moving out of the response area. We wish Mr. Wayne and Mr. Miller the best in their new roles and thank them for their service to our department and community during their tenure. These resignations led to the addition of two new fulltime members during the month of August. Firefighter/Paramedic Raymond Hobin joined the ranks bringing on-call fire experience from a Worcester

county town and fulltime EMS experience with a private ambulance service. Lifelong Orange resident Firefighter/EMT-B Nate O'Lari was promoted from an on-call member to fulltime status. He is currently enrolled in a Paramedic certification program. Both of these personnel are Pro-Board certified to the level of Firefighter I/II. We wish both of these gentlemen a long, safe, and happy career with our agency.

The month of December saw the resignation of on-call Firefighter William Sheldon after just over a year of service. We thank Mr. Sheldon for his service to the Town and wish him the best moving forward. Recruitment and retention of Paid On-Call Firefighters remains a challenging endeavor. The demanding training schedule coupled with the amount of time necessary for response to emergencies contributes to the difficulty in attracting new members to join the on-call staff. There are currently 14 Paid On-Call Firefighters employed by the Orange Fire-Rescue- EMS Agency, 21 are needed to operate efficiently. Hiring to fill some of these vacancies will take place during 2021. Anyone seeking information about joining the department as a Paid On-Call Firefighter can visit the Water Street station and speak with the on-duty staff or obtain an application.

The SAFER Grant the Town was awarded resulting in adding three new positions to the department during 2019 continues to have a vital and positive impact on the operation of our department. Staffing levels are closer to meeting the demands placed upon our department. The additional staffing has led to an increased level of safety for both staff and citizens, decreased response times, a reduction in reliance upon mutual aid from surrounding towns, and increased ambulance revenue exceeding the cost of adding these positions. We thank the Town for supporting this important project while we continue to maximize the benefit of additional staffing.

The Orange Fire-Rescue-EMS Agency remains one of busiest in Franklin County in regards to total number of incidents responded to annually. The department responded to a total of 2,182 calls for service in 2020 divided into the following categories:

Building Fires-21
Vehicle Fires-3
Brush/Vegetation Fires-22
Good Intent Call-98
Service Call-300
False Alarm-116
Fires (Other)-1
Emergency Medical/Rescue-1247
Overpressure/Rupture/Explosion-2
Outside/Trash Fires-9
Motor Vehicle Accidents-79
Hazardous Materials/Condition-45
Severe Weather/Natural Disaster-28
Special Incident Type-211

This compares with 2,478 calls in the year 2019 and 2,235 calls in the year 2018. Of the total calls for service in 2020, 361 or 16.54% occurred simultaneously with another response. These situations continue be challenging for the department as limited amounts of staffing can typically handle only one or two responses at a time. Overlapping calls may require requests for mutual aid resulting in a delayed response by out-of-town agencies. Due to the activity of the department, at times both fire stations are unstaffed. The three new positions created as a result of the most recent SAFER Grant have reduced mutual aid requests and the amount of time the stations are unstaffed but will not completely eliminate those circumstances. The need for additional staffing still exits and is considered during each fiscal year budget preparation. If you call the station and do not get an answer, all personnel are committed to department activities or an emergency response. Please use 911 to report any emergencies as these calls are answered by a regional dispatch center located in Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts that is staffed at all times. The Orange Fire Department is equipped with a voicemail service for non-emergency calls. Messages are checked regularly and personnel will return your call.

The department continues to operate apparatus that is in need of replacement. Highlights of 2020 were taking delivery of a new brush fire truck. The custom-built 2020 Ford F-550 diesel/CET truck was placed into service during the fall. The apparatus was purchased with a majority of funds coming from a competitive Federal grant award replacing a 1985 military surplus department-built truck that was in poor condition after serving the Town well for several years. I would like to thank all members of the purchasing committee for their hard work designing an apparatus that will meet the needs of our department for many years to come. Our department also took delivery of a new diesel four-wheel-drive UTV with brush firefighting, patient transport, and snow travel capabilities. A trailer for transporting this vehicle is on order and expected during 2021. We also continued construction of a 2020 Ford F-550/Road Rescue ambulance that we expect o accept delivery of early in 2021 replacing the 2009 ambulance. Further information regarding this equipment can be found below. A list of the department's vehicles below includes the condition of the vehicle and the manner in which it was procured if other than purchased by the Town:

Station 1

Ladder 1-2007 KME 100-foot Aerial-500 gallons water-2000 gpm (gallons per minute) pump- very good condition, Federal grant, no grant match provided by the Town of Orange (funds for grant match and building to house the truck raised through private donations)
Engine 2-2019 Pierce Enforcer PUC Rescue Pumper-750 gallons water-1500 gpm pump-excellent condition, Federal grant, 5% required Town match as well as additional $50,000 Town funds
Engine 3-1988 Pierce Lance Pumper-750 gallons water-1250 gpm pump-good condition (purchased used from the City of Greenfield in 2015 to replace a 1980 pumper permanently removed from service)
Ambulance 1-2009 GMC 4500/Braun-fair condition (new ambulance currently under contract with expected delivery during winter of 2021)
Ambulance 2-2016 Dodge 5500/Lifeline-very good condition, (purchased with funds from ambulance receipts for appropriation account)
Squad 7-2017 Ford F-350-excellent condition
Car 1-2019 Ford Expedition command vehicle-excellent condition
Brush 8-2020 Ford F-550/CET-300 gallons water-300 gpm pump-excellent condition, Federal grant, 5% required Town match
Breathing Air Compressor-2019 Bauer breathing air compressor/trailer-excellent condition, federal grant with 5% Town match
Mass Decontamination Trailer-very good condition-regional trailer owned by the Commonwealth
Boat 1-Achilles inflatable boat with 20 horsepower Nissan outboard motor, excellent condition
UTV-2020 Kubota diesel-75 gallons water-5 gallons Class A foam-75 gpm pump, stokes basket patient transport capability, snow tracks-excellent condition
Fire Alarm-1997 Ford F-450 with telescoping bucket, MA State grant with no town match-good condition

Station 2

Engine 1-2000 Pierce Saber Pumper-750 gallons water-1500 gpm pump-good condition (purchased used from Holliston, MA Fire Department during 2020 replacing 2001 pumper damaged beyond repair in an accident)
Tender 4-2010 VTech Vacuum Tank-3000 gallons water-no pump-Federal grant with 5% Town match-excellent condition

Class B Foam Trailer-regional trailer owned by the Fire Chief's Association of Massachusetts-excellent condition

The Fire Department continues to seek alternative sources of funding in an effort to ease the financial burden on the taxpayers. A highly competitive Federal Grant Application has been submitted to replace Engine 3 (1988 Pierce Lance Pumper) and all 2007 self-contained breathing apparatus that are both currently part of the Fire Department five-year Capital Plan. Additionally, the Department received the following alternative sources of funding during 2020:

- $2,700 Emergency Management Preparedness Grant (State Grant) matched dollar for dollar by annual subscription fee to CodeRed emergency notification system (purchased new PC work station for Tully Emergency Operations Center, four lithium-ion batteries for rescue tools, and two heavy-duty salvage covers)
- $12,490 Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning Grant (State Grant with no Town match). Purchased four multi-gas meters to replace aging equipment, a testing/calibration station for the meters, and approximately a year's supply of assorted alkaline batteries
- $7,172.00 Student/Senior Awareness of Fire Safety Education Grant (State Grant with no Town match). Funding used for fire safety educational materials and wages for personnel participating in the educational programs

The Orange Fire-Rescue-EMS Agency strives to recover as much revenue as possible in an effort to offset the Department's monetary impact to the Town's overall operating budget. During calendar year 2020, the following amounts of revenue were collected recovering 72.92% of the Fire, Ambulance, and Emergency Management Department's total operating budget:

• Insurance reimbursements for ambulance transports	$627,032.90
• Medicaid Reimbursement Program	$66,869.00
• Assessments to surrounding Towns for ALS Ambulance Service	$155,764.36
• Permits/Fees	$19,360.00
• Hazardous Spills	$32,063.51
• Surplus Vehicles/Property	$4,400.00
• Miscellaneous	$12,543.95
• **Total**	**$918,033.72**

In addition to recognizing the continued dedication of the Orange Fire Department membership, the department would also like to thank all our employee's families who allow them to commit the many hours necessary for training and response to emergencies. Also, thank you to the Citizens of Orange for your continued support of our Department in all that we do.

Respectfully submitted:
James R. Young Jr.-Chief of Department/Emergency Management Director

TOWN OF ORANGE

Colin P. Killay

Highway, Cemetery & Parks Superintendent

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2020 was an unusual year for the Highway Department. The department worked through the challenges of COVID-19 as well as severe weather. The department dealt with multiple significant storms in the spring and summer that took up 2 months of work time to clean up downed trees and debris in town roadways, right of ways and parks. Most of the damage was the result of high winds and lightning. The department also assisted the Cemetery Department in the removal of several large pine trees in Central Cemetery.

The department continues to work on the reconstruction of North Main St from School St to Lincoln St. Unfortunately, the project will have to be delayed due to engineering and design issues that required special variances. The project has been pushed back until 2024. The water and sewer replacement has also been pushed back until 2023. The project is being funded through a federal Transportation Improvement Project grant.

The reconstruction of the Holtshire Rd bridge continues and is being funded through MassDot. The project is scheduled to be completed sometimes in August 2021.

The East Rd bridge plans were approved in 2021 allowing the project to go out to bid. The project is presently out for bid and are expecting to award the bid to the contractor in April. The project is expected to cost $1.1 million. The project is being funded through the MassDot Small Bridge Grant and Chapter 90. We are expecting construction to begin in June and hopefully completed by winter.

The Town of Orange was awarded $1 million dollars in funding from a MassWorks grant for the resurfacing of South Main St, replacement of water and sewer from West Myrtle St to Gay St and the replacement and reconstruction of sidewalks from the intersections of South Main and East and West River Streets to the beginning of the state highway. Some of the award will be used for engineering and some for the cost of construction. The Community Development Director will be working on additional funding for the project.

In the fall the department added Tyler Emery to the open full-time position of Highly Skilled. Tyler moved to the Highway Department from the Cemetery Department. Kevin Mcknight Jr was promoted to Foreman.

Respectfully,
Colin P. Killay
Superintendent- Highway, Cemetery & Parks
Tree Warden
Town of Orange

The year 2020 was universally difficult year, but the Orange libraries pulled through to continue serving the community. In March, 2020, the libraries, along with all other town buildings, were closed to the public due to the global pandemic. Library Director Jessica Magelaner, Children's Librarian Jason Sullivan-Flynn, and staff member Charlene Deam worked staggered shifts to make sure the building was in good shape, that the wireless service for patrons working outside the library was uninterrupted, and to provide the community with curbside and home deliveries. Due to overwhelming community demand, the libraries reopened in a limited capacity on June 15, 2020, becoming the first libraries in Franklin County to reopen to the public. The children's room remained closed, the fiction and non-fiction stacks were likewise off-limits for browsing, and half of the computers and chairs were removed from the reading rooms to enforce social distancing. In-house visits were limited to ten members of the public at a time. Curbside pick-ups and home deliveries were still offered as an option for patrons who could not safely visit the library in person.

The library's summer reading program, though very different from previous years, was still a great success. Summer reading for 2020 ran from June 15 through August 6, and participation was mostly online, using a program called Beanstack. Prizes for 2020 were $25 gift cards to local businesses, as a way of discouraging travel and encouraging support of the community during the pandemic. The combined efforts of adult and youth readers more than met the goal set by the Friends of the Library for a $400 donation to the Franklin County Community Meals Program. An anonymous donor matched the Friends goal, allowing the library to donate a total of $800 for 2020.

In July of 2020, longtime staff member Charlene Deam retired from her role as Head of Adult Services. She was replaced by Rusty Shaw, Children's Library Assistant. This position will be filled as pandemic restrictions are lifted.

In September, the front of the Wheeler Memorial Library underwent a long-needed upgrade with help from generous volunteers including Bobby Smith, Curtis Ames, Catelyn Ames, Pam Smith, Pennie Smith, The Mahar Key Club, Janice Lanou, Will Johnson, the Cross family, Richard Kent and Deborah Kent. Many large bushes were removed, including the two overgrown bushes on either side of the front stairs, and plans were put in place to reseed and landscape in Spring of 2021.

The seventh annual Robert P. Collén Poetry Competition was held virtually on October 27th, with participants joining in and reading their work live on the virtual meeting platform Zoom. Athol Orange Television aired the program live for audience members who were unable to participate virtually, and recorded the event for their on-demand video library.

In October and November, Moore Leland Library underwent exterior renovations as well: the large bushes that had grown against the building were removed, landscaping was done to trim back the remaining bushes and maintain the flowerbeds, and significant exterior damage was repaired.

At-home programming continued throughout the year, with children's librarian Jason Sullivan-Flynn organizing a virtual book club and take-home craft kits. Children were given small bags of supplies and directions to assemble a craft at home with their family. Funding for the book club (books and craft supplies) was generously provided by the Orange Cultural Council and Valuing Our Children. The most

successful craft of 2020 was the PopTart gingerbread kits. Funding from the Orange Elementary School PTO, the Pioneer Junior Women's Club, and the Breakfast with Santa Committee, all organized by Karen Perkins, raised $900 for additional supplies and allowed the library to distribute 83 craft bags to children in the community.

Though 2020 was a difficult year, the library staff and trustees are grateful for the support they have received, and look forward to continuing to serve the community in 2021.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Board of Library Trustees,



Jessica Magelaner

Library Director

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Planning Board Annual Report 2020

Greetings from the Planning Board! What a year with COVID! We began with the usual day to day functioning, and striving to meet continued goals of improving our department, as we added the Community Development Director to the team. Then in March, COVID lock down began and we learned very quickly how to continue the legal requirements of the Planning Board using technology while in a pandemic. We have continued to conduct business throughout the year, allowing development to continue to continue in the Town.

The Planning Board has continued to work in 2020 to collaborate with other town departments and provide services to the Town that resemble a Planning Department and not just a Planning Board. We continue to refine the permitting process and are excited to have received a grant to implement town wide electronic permitting across all departments. It will be slowly rolling out over 2021. The timing with COVID could not be better as the Town strives to provide safe services with minimal disruption to business during COVID and going forward.

We enjoy working with the Community Development Director Alec Wade, as he has completed his first year in Orange. He has become a valuable asset to our job, providing technical support, help with updates necessary for the Town to achieve their planning/future goals, grant assistance, and is just all around a joy to have on the team! We also continue to have a strong relationship with our Independent Engineer Reviewer Stoddard Engineering, who like Alec, continues to provide us with the technical support we need to make sound decisions as it relates to site construction, storm water management, and zoning guidance as it relates to overall implementation of projects. His services, as outlined in our Town Zoning Bylaws, are a service designed to represent the Town's interests and the Engineer is hired by the Planning Board, with the cost borne by applicants lest you worry that this is an expense to the town.

The Board has remained stable in composition, with continued service from Casey Bashaw, Mercedes Clingerman, Kelli Gervais, John McHale, and Todd Soucy being appreciated.

In 2020 the following was accomplished:

- Permitting Before the Board in 2020- 16 total permits-- 7 ANR (Approval Not Required) Applications. 6 New Special Permit/Site Plan Applications and 2 Extension to Special Permit requests were processed.
- Protocols for applications remain updated yearly to ensure efficiency and that we keep up with current best practices and regional standards.
- Our Construction Oversight Protocol continues to allow support to our Building Commissioner during development by ensuring site work and storm water management is completed as permitted.
- Planning Board Fee Structure Updates-We continue to yearly review the fee structure and ensure fees are current and reflect the best practices and the economy. We will continue to be committed to ensuring the Planning Board is accommodating new trends in industry and development. The Planning Board has been able to cover their own costs of functioning now for the second year in a row. These costs include covering all our own legal fees associated with regular functioning of a Planning Board.
- Due to COVID 19, and pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, meetings and hearings this year have been conducted via teleconference. This has led to a marked increase in attendance at meetings by the public and better access for those with limitations that may make it difficult to come to the traditional evening meeting. This is a positive as more people are participating in Town government and having a voice.
- Education of Board Members- CPTC was suspended in 2020 due to COVID but in 2021 online education is becoming available for members to ensure they are current in land use practices in the state.
- Village Center Bylaw development progress was waylaid by COVID. It was decided that further work on this dovetails with a grant received for general zoning bylaw updates and will continue under that grant work.
- The Planning Board was able from their funds to help provide a portion of the Town's matching funds to get a grant with the assistance of Community Development to move forward last year's need to update our outdated bylaw structure. Barret Consulting was awarded the project and the Planning Board, Community Development Office, Building Commissioner and OEDIC Chair have been enfolded into the process. One of the outcomes of the grant will be to provide the Planning Board with next steps to clean up and modernize our outdates Zoning Bylaws. Keep posted for news on this over the coming months. As stated last year, this is one piece of the economic development conundrum in our town and statewide as trends in development occurring currently are not necessarily reflected in the bylaws of towns and municipalities. This is important because developers look for clear guidelines and direction for their interests; and citizens desire the community to be shaped in accordance with the quality of life they wish. Clear and updated zoning also impacts ability to qualify for grants and programs aimed at improving infrastructure, department programming and development. It is a blessing to have this grant to begin fixing these problems.
- A grant was received in November 2020 for Town wide online permitting for all departments, and an asset management/work order program, which will allow for better tracking of permits, fees, assets of the town, work order expenditures, etc. It will be being implemented in 2021. Watch for the ability to go online for all your town permitting and application needs.

Goals for calendar year 2021

- We hope to work with OEDIC and the Community Development Director on continual improvement of land use practices and economic development concerns in Orange.
- Online Permitting Software will be accomplished Town wide by the end of 2021.
- Working sessions to address brownsfield work, zoning regulation, zoning map updates and other important issues will continue.

If you have any topics you would like us to consider, please contact the Planning Board office at planning@townoforange.org. If it is not a process that falls to the Planning Board, we will be happy to connect you to the right place and see that your needs are met. We have been meeting by zoom and will continue to do so during this time of COVID concern and need for protection of the public's health and safety.

Go to mytowngovernment.org to see when we meet and what the agenda is. You can sign up for email alerts there for our board or any other board or committee in town you are interested in. Dates depend on the agenda and needs being met. We do not meet from Thanksgiving to January 1 unless there is an emergency that require the board to meet to fulfill legal obligations.

We continue to thank you for your support and remain proud to serve you for another year!!

Respectfully submitted,

Mercedes Clingerman, Chair

On behalf of the Board

Casey Bashaw, Kelli Gervais, John McHale, Todd Soucy

Town of Orange
Department of Police

JAMES SULLIVAN
CHIEF

ORANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT – ANNUAL REPORT 2020

On behalf of the Town's police department, I hereby submit the annual report for the year 2020.

2020 proved to be one of the most challenging years for Law Enforcement. We were faced with a global pandemic, civil unrest with protests and riots across the country and with law enforcement reform.

Covid 19 has changed many things for every citizen, but it had completely changed many aspects of how police and first responders do our jobs. Many adjustments had to be made to try and keep the members of our community safe as well as the members of the Orange Police Department. The Massachusetts Trial Court System has made significant changes to its processes. The Franklin County House of Correction was forced to modify many of its procedures due to the pandemic as well. These two agencies had a significant impact on the Orange Police as we tried to navigate the challenges with the virus. Covid continues to provide challenges for first responders well into the new year.

On December 31, 2020 Governor Baker signed into law, An Act Relative to Justice, Equity and Accountability in Law Enforcement in the Commonwealth. A much debated and anticipated bill that will provide many changes to law enforcement as we enter 2021. Many of the challenges remain to be determined as the provisions of the law that create new procedures and oversight will take effect later in 2021.

In October Officer Kevin Donelan retired. After approximately 30 years of service to the Town of Orange, a significant majority of which were spent patrolling on the overnight shift. In addition to the longest consecutive years spent on the overnight shift, Officer Donelan brought Christmas cheer to area residents and the Orange Police with his high energy and dedicated depiction of Santa Claus. We thank Officer Donelan for his many years of dedicated service and wish him the best in his retirement.

I would like to take a moment to thank the hard-working men and women of the Orange Police Department for their continued dedication and honorable service to the town. This year has challenged each one of you with its constant changes and obstacles. You have come to work every day battling through concern about your own health and the health of your families to serve the Town of Orange. We have a great group of caring professionals and I am proud to be their leader. I would also like to thank our Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee, Capitol Improvement Committee, and our Town Administrator for their continued support. It has only been through the teamwork of these town officials and departments that Orange has been able to push through 2020.

Respectfully,

James Sullivan
Chief of Police

	2020
• Total Calls for service	7374
• Accidents	148
• Arrests	348
• Sexual Assaults	10
• Medical Emergencies	553
• Alarm Response	306
• Citations Issued	90
• Assaults	56
• Identity Theft/Fraud	118
• 911 calls	382
• Larceny	71
• Breaking & Entering	43
• Other Offenses	172

Revenue collected

- Insurance $480.33
- Gun Licenses $6,087.50
- Parking $1,395.00
- Citation $6,075.00 (issued)

Command Post Deployment

There only one deployment for the Command Post in 2020. In December it was deployed to Mahar for a drive-up flu clinic. Nurses were able to use it as a heated stable area to draw the vaccination in.

K-9 Activity Report

Over the past year, K9 Orka has provided assistance to the towns of Warwick, Erving and Athol. As a direct result of her drug detecting abilities, officers were able to seize illegal and extremely dangerous drugs from the streets such as Fentynal and Heroin. K9 Orka continues to show that her skills help officers to perform their duties in safe and effective ways.

The following example illustrates how a well-trained K9 such as Orka can provide crucial, lifesaving assistance to officers in our community. On Sunday, August 30, 2020 at approximately 1:32 p.m., officers were dispatched to a Holtshire Road address for a report of a suicidal individual that had allegedly cut their wrists with a piece of glass and left the scene on foot. Officers checked the immediate area but were unable to locate the individual.

Officers requested that a K9 respond to the scene to track the individual in crisis. K9 Orka responded to the scene and a track was initiated. She led officers through a thickly wooded, swampy area where the individual had eventually been located trying to conceal themselves behind some bushes. Officers assisted the individual back to the roadway where the Orange Fire

Departments ambulance was waiting to provide emergency medical assistance. They were later transported to a locate hospital to receive further treatment.

Drug Detection

Building searches – 1
Vehicle searches – 8

In town responses – 6
Out of town responses – 3

Patrol Functions

Tracking - 10
Building searches – 2
Article searches – 2
Arrests - 5

In town responses – 14
Out of town responses – 4

Total Deployments for 2020 – (27)

Sanitation Department
2020 Calendar Year Report

The Town of Orange Recycling Center/Transfer Station

We applied for the SMRP under the Recycling Dividends Program, and received $6,300.00.

The Recycling Dividends Program provides payments to municipalities that have implemented specific programs and policies proven to maximize reuse, recycling and waste reduction. Municipalities will receive payments according to the number of criteria points earned in this program.

Materials brought into the facility

Municipal Solid Waste	543 tons
Demolition Materials	192 tons
Single Stream Recycling	253 tons
Scrap Metal, Appliances	24 tons
Clothing	3 tons
Batteries	1 ton
Leaves, Brush	90 tons
Electronics (TV's, Monitors, etc.)	9 tons
Compostable Food Waste	7 tons
Tires	295 tires
Fluorescent Bulbs	608
Light Ballasts	40
Trash Bags Sold	50,983
FY21 Permits	1,170

Please visit the town website at www.townoforange.org, then click on Recycling/Transfer Station for information about the facility, including the **"What Do I Do With…?"**

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Smith Jr.
Superintendent Sanitation Department

6/30/2020
TREASURER'S CASH
REPORT

Cash Balance 6/30/20

Bank Balances:

General Fund:	Petty Cash	$170.00	
	Unibank School Vendor	-$127,879.20	
	Unibank Payables	-$97,885.73	
	Small Cities	$71.22	
	TD Ambulance	$919,731.69	
	Hometown Depository	$1,847,270.21	
	Unibank State	$3,599,635.57	
	Unibank Town Clerk	$4,585.88	
	Unibank Collector	$36,435.77	
	Unibank BOH online	$117.38	
	Unibank Deputy online	$5,867.83	
	Unibank Planning	$10.06	
	Hometown Payroll	$169,801.45	
	Hometown Café	$12,723.03	$6,370,655.16
Enterprise	Hometown Water	$124,911.71	
	Hometown Sewer	$48,774.19	$173,685.90
Trust Funds.	Bart Trusts	$1,646,218.16	
	Greenfield stab. CD	$35,571.61	$1,681,789.77
Ending Cash Balance:			$8,226,130.83

TRUSTEES OF THE SOLDIER'S MEMORIALS ANNUAL REPORT – 2020

The Orange Trustees Of The Soldier's Memorials is an elected committee that is responsible for the upkeep of the various memorials in Orange dedicated to military veterans. Their financial activity is governed by donations from varied sources. Grants from the Massachusetts Historical Commission for different programs have also been utilized. Again, these grants have been the 50% matching type, where the Memorials Committee's portion has been funded by various donations. This year, continued support from the American Legion Post 172 is very much appreciated.

2020 has definitely been a year for the history books. The Covid19 problem disrupted many projects and functions of many committees including the Trustees of The Soldier's Memorials. One on-going project was the flag in Memorial Park. The Memorial Park American flag is now being replaced each year. This is being accomplished by having a sponsor for the flag. The current flag is being retired and a new flag dedicated to a special veteran raised during the annual Memorial Day program at the Park. Work was completed with the help of the Town Highway Department. Should there be any Orange residents that may wish to have a flag dedicated to a veteran and on display for a year, please contact any member of the Memorials Committee.

The Honor Roll Wall located in the Park had an expansion project started in 2017 and is still on-going. The current Wall only includes the names of individuals who enlisted in the military from Orange up to the Vietnam War. There have been other military actions that need to be included in an updated version of this Honor Roll Wall. This is a labor intensive project that will undoubtedly be on-going for some time. There has been a separate account set-up for this project to insure accountability for the useable finance. This year progress was made in the process of deciding how to place the new portion in Memorial Park. Meetings were held in the Park to insure uniformity of ideas amongst the members. Funding for this project was also considered.

The Committee is also responsible for the Peace Statue located in Memorial Park. The annual cleaning and inspection of this memorial is completed for the Memorial Day program each year. This year included the cleaning of the Honor Roll Wall. It was dedicated in 2010 and had never been cleaned. Special procedures to properly clean the Wall are required, and this project was completed by Memorial Day 2020.

The replacement of flags that need to be properly retired is also a program of the Memorials Committee. This year saw another project completed with the help of Orange Boy Scouts. "Flag Retirement" boxes were created and installed at the American Legion Post 172 and at South Cemetery Maintenance building. These containers will be a depository for flags that need to be properly retired. This action has been completed with the help of American Legion Post 172, the Orange Cemetery/Highway Department, Boy Scout Troop -----, and Eagle Scout ----. If residents have any questions, please contact any Committee member.

The Memorials Committee has three separate finance accounts that are monitored by the Town Accountant. The account balances as of 31 December 2020 are as follows:

Memorials Committee Gift Account: $7,580.77

Memorials Committee Honor Roll Wall Account: $14,807.00

Memorials Committee Peace Statue Account (Restricted): $2103.14

2020 also saw a drastic deviation in the way state grants are made available for the Memorials Committee. This Committee depends on these such grants as well as donations to complete the many projects selected to properly honor those individuals who have sacrificed in many different ways to insure the Freedom we all enjoy in the United States of America. In 2020, the Massachusetts Legislature elected not to fund the Massachusetts Historical Commission portion of the granting process to honor these veterans. Therefore, there was not even a competitive grant process this year. While the overall amount

dedicated in this budget is very small, many committees statewide depend heavily on at least the ability to compete in the granting process. The Orange Trustees of The Soldier's Memorials has been very successful over the years in writing and obtaining some of these such grants to support their selected projects. While these grants are also "matched funding", local donations and much support from American Legion Post 172 has made this funding process a reality. The Committee will not get involved with opinions as to the priorities picked by our legislators, however, it will express its dismay in the lack of our legislators to allow such committees to even compete to honor many veterans in the State of Massachusetts.

The Orange Trustees Of The Soldier's Memorials Committee meets once a month, on the fourth Thursday, at 5:00PM at the Town Hall Meeting Room. Virtual meetings were also held during 2020 to insure project continuation and interaction with members.

We are dedicated to maintaining the memories and history of the many men and women who have participated in the many military actions from Orange. Again, our funding is by donations only. Individuals who wish to participate may send their donations to 6 Prospect Street, Orange, MA 01364. The donations may be made to the Gift Account – and will be used for varied projects – or the Honor Roll Wall Account – and will be used just for that purpose.

Respectfully Submitted:

Orange Trustees Of The Soldier's Memorials

Bruce St. John
Scott Hubbard
Michelle Simmington LeBlanc
Chris Marshall
Doug McIntosh

TOWN OF ORANGE

WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY

To the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator and Residents of Orange

The facility has been in operation for 43 years and thanks to the efforts of our dedicated staff the facility continues to run very well. Whole Effluent Toxicity testing, Sludge TCLP Analysis and other regulatory testing results are excellent.

We will be starting construction for the upgrade of the Wastewater Treatment Facility in 2021. This upgrade will replace equipment that has been in operation for over 40 years.

I would like to encourage sewer users to help in reducing clean water flows, into the sewer system, by redirecting sump pumps, roof leaders, floor drains, yard drains etc. out of the sewer system. This extra water contributes to an increase in Operating & Maintenance (O&M) costs of the treatment facility and sewer collection system.

I would also request residents to refrain from flushing "wipes" into the collection system. The "wipes" cause clogging problems in the sewer collection system and also clogs pumps within the wastewater treatment process which also contribute to higher (O&M) costs. The issues with "wipes" have been more troublesome during the COVID pandemic period. We are having to respond to sewer related issues multiple times a week.

We encourage residents to make an appointment for a guided tour of the Wastewater Treatment Facility and become familiar with our operation that helps to protect the Millers River for future generations.

Annual Data:

Total Rainfall – 50.60 inches (Average 49.62 inches)

Total Wastewater Flow 2020 –331.25 Million Gallons (Average 378 Million Gallons)

Total Sludge Disposed – 74.45 Tons of Dry Solids

Average BOD (Biochemical Oxygen Demand) Removal – 93%

Average TSS (Total Suspended Solids) Removal – 95%

Total Sodium Hypochlorite (Effluent Disinfection) – 1,210 Gallons

Total Cationic Polymer (Sludge Thickening) – 500 Pounds

Total Sodium Aluminate (Phosphorus Removal) – 2,009 Gallons

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Billiel Jr.

Chief Operator

ORANGE WATER DEPARTMENT – ANNUAL REPORT 2020

On behalf of the Orange Water Department, it is my pleasure to submit this Annual Report for CY2D20. The Department has been in operation for 128 years and continues to provide safe, clean drinking water to many residences, businesses and institutions.

Drinking water is provided by 3 large wells located off of West River St. and Daniel Shays Hwy. (Route 202) From there, the water travels through two large storage tanks, 36+/- miles of distribution main and thousands of valves, meters and hydrants. Maintaining this system in working order and in compliance with applicable regulations is no small task. Our team of licensed operators, dedicated water commissioners, and patient billing clerk will continue to be as efficient us possible. We are very grateful to the public water users in Orange. Nearly all are extremely pleasant and easy to work with. In return, we do our best to be responsive to user needs and emergencies. Please call or email us with water questions/concerns.

Although COVID 19 changed many of the ways in which we interacted with our customer base, and postponed some projects that would have required water system shutdowns for scheduled repairs/upgrades, 2020 still allowed some productive work to be done. Work on the new wells at the Holtshire Road site continued with additional drilling, testing, and analyzing. This provided the location with the desired production rate. We now wait for a response from MassDEP's review of our submitted data. We are confident that this satellite well System will pave the way toward better system reliability in the near future. The other major project that was completed was the cleaning, recoating, and installation of fall safety protection equipment on our two 1-million-gallon storage tanks. We provided oversight and frequent, sometimes urgent, assistance for water-related items on construction projects. There were coordinated efforts with the Sewer Department, Highway Department, Fire Department, Building Department, Planning Board, the Lake Mattawa Association, the ORP, and other local business entities and committees to improve communication and work together towards common goals. The Water Department is solely funded by our customers, and we will continue to optimize and improve our physical, financial and technical operations as efficiently as possible. We would be happy to discuss our operations with you at any time, including these projects and many that are not listed.

Total gallons of water pumped
127,799,490

Customer accounts served	1,858
Meter readings collected/processed	6,914
New water meters installed/retrofitted	10
Services/hydrants installed or renewed	9
Services/hydrants turned on & off by request	62
Frozen meters, valves or service lines	4
Leaks repaired in main or service lines	6
Backflow tests completed	208
Hydrant/main flushing events	380

Utility (Excavation) mark-outs	29

Respectfirlly submitted.

Kenneth R. Wysk

Water Superimendent

82 Industrial Boulevard

Turners Falls, Massachusetts 01376

TEL: 413-863-9561 FAX: 413-863-281

Richard J Martin

Superintendent

2020 Annual Report to Towns

We submit this annual report for 2020 on behalf of the Franklin County Technical School District and its administration, faculty, staff and students.

Enrollment for member towns as of October 1, 2020 was 530 students with town breakouts as follows:

Bernardston	36	Erving	27	Montague	110	Sunderland	8
Buckland	8	Gill	15	New Salem	9	Warwick	6
Colrain	24	Greenfield	123	Northfield	27	Wendell	9
Conway	4	Heath	6	Orange	70	Whately	11
Deerfield	19	Leyden	1	Shelburne	17		

Franklin County Technical School awarded 106 diplomas to our seniors in June of 2020. Massachusetts students are required to pass the MCAS in order to receive a high school diploma and once again our students were very successful in meeting this high academic standard. The state has adjusted their measures for evaluating district/school accountability and FCTS maintained the equivalent of a Level 2 "2019" accountability status. Additionally, the district is meeting targets set by the Department of Education for passing rates of students of high risk with disabilities.

FCTS has the advantage of utilizing vocational students and licensed instructors from carpentry, electrical, plumbing and landscaping to provide maintenance and repairs to our school grounds and facility saving member towns tens of thousands of dollars annually. These shop programs also saved member towns an estimated $100,000 with the bond authorization projects.

Franklin County Technical School students are learning the value of paid work opportunities through a newly revamped Cooperative Education Program (Coop). In 2019 FCTS had approximately 50% of our seniors involved in paid Coop jobs related to their vocational field of study. In 2020, due to COVID-19 issues there is approximately 20% of our seniors on paid Coop. FCTS offers excellence academic offers with Advanced Placement, Honors, Foreign Language, credit recovery and special education courses to provide all students with the opportunity to be prepared for college and career readiness.

Franklin County Technical School continues to experience increased enrollment and popularity within Franklin County, which has translated to new vocational technical programs in the fields of Veterinary Animal Science and Medical Assisting. These new vibrant programs are the first new vocational programs at FCTS in more than 40 years. Franklin County Technical School's technical programs continue to improve and evolve through the use of competitive Capital Skills Grants. FCTS has received more than 1.2 million dollars in grants over the last several years without using FCTS funds to enhance its' Welding, Medical Assisting, Veterinary Science, and Machine Technology vocational programs. FCTS also partners with the FHREB and Greenfield Community College to offer an evening program for underemployed and

displaced workers to obtain a certification in Advanced Precision Machining using our 21st Century modernized CNC machines.

Franklin County Tech's Carpentry, Electrical, Plumbing, and Landscaping programs established a foundation in collaboration with the Greenfield Savings Bank to build a new home for the community on an annual basis. FCTS is finishing its second new home in Erving and will be starting a new one next year in Greenfield. In Heath, Electrical Students have been upgrading the electrical structure for municipality buildings. In Turners Falls, our Electrical students are wiring the music studio and installing all of the lighting for the new JaDuke's Performing Arts Center. Plumbing is working at the new Conway DPW and plumbing the bathrooms and kitchen areas. Electrical students are putting up conduit and wiring 4 new classrooms which now exist in place of the Assembly Hall to provide more space for student learning. Auto Technology saves the district a substantial amount of money by maintaining the school's vehicle fleet. Many of our school vehicles are used for our various construction jobs within Franklin County and also provide for athletic transportation, which significantly reduces our overall transportation costs. FCTS Auto Technology and Collision Repair programs are very appreciative of the donated vehicles which provide our students with real world experiences.

Collision repair continues working to provide body work for town vehicles, but have limited how many vehicles can be repaired due to COVID-19 protocols.

Culinary Arts regularly serves the local Community Senior Center, Chamber of Commerce, Ice carving for Greenfield Winter Fest, and the community Car Show. Our Veterinary students have been working with the Mass Division of Fishery and Wild Life, Franklin County Sheriff's Animal Shelter, work with farm animals, and provide grooming for animals and pets.

Franklin County Tech is forward thinking as it continues to review labor demand and market analysis to add new programs and skills to support students to obtain competencies and training to make them competitive in the workplace, college, and career.

Our partnerships with our communities are important for our programs, and we thank those which allow our students the opportunity to practice their trades out in the field.

Respectfully,

Richard Kuklewicz

Mr. Richard J. Kuklewicz
School Committee Chairman

Richard J. Martin

Mr. Richard J. Martin
Superintendent-Director

Franklin County Technical School District Committee 2020

Bernardston-Bradley Stafford; Buckland-Vacant; Colrain-Nicole Slowinski; Conway-John Pelletier; Deerfield-Vacant; Erving-Robert F. Bitzer; Gill-Sandy Brown; Greenfield-Paul R. Doran, Mark M. Maloney, Donna M. Woodcock; Heath-Arthur A. Schwenger; Leyden-Gerald N. Levine; Montague- Dennis L. Grader, Richard J. Kuklewicz, Chairperson; New Salem-Bryan Camden; Northfield-Laura J. Earl, Orange-Alec MacLeod, Cain Blackbird; Shelburne — Angus Dun, Vice-Chairperson; Sunderland-James Bernotas; Warwick-A. George Day, Jr.; Wendell-Jeffrey D. Budine; Whately-Donald C. Sluter



ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
ORANGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020

COMMITTEE

Member	Email Address	Term Expires
Stephanie Conrod, Chair	stephanieconrod@orange-elem.org	2021
Dianne Salcedo	diannesalcedo@orange-elem.org	2023
Alexandre Schwanz	alexandreschwanz@orange-elem.org	2023
Karon Parker	karonparker@orange-elem.org	resigned Aug. 2020
Danielle Andersen	danielleandersen@orange-elem.org	2021
Karen Perkins	karenperkins@orange-elem.org	2022
Elizabeth Cross	elizabethcross@orange-elem.org	2022
Vacancy		

Dr. Elizabeth Zielinski, Superintendent of Schools
Michele Tontodonato, Director of Finance and Operations

Office Hours: 8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
Office Telephone: 978-544-6763
District Website: http://www.orange-elem.org





To the members of the Orange Elementary School District Committee and the voters of the Orange Elementary School District, I submit my Annual Report as Superintendent. The report to the Orange Elementary School Committee covers the period January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020. As such, all reports cover the final half of the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year and the first half of the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year.

Personnel

The district welcomed the expertise of the following new faculty/staff members in 2019-2020:

Name	Position
Monette, Tonya	FH Secretary
Tontodonato, Antonia	Grade 6 Teacher
Steer, Lauren	Grade 6 Teacher
Clark, Jamie	FH Evening Custodian
Lambert, Katrina	FH Dean
Butler, Morgan	Grade 1 Teacher
Bourbeau, Heather	Special Education Teacher
Williams, Kerri	Noon Aide
Hardy, Danielle	PreK Paraprofessional
Bevis, Sara	PreK Paraprofessional
Cote, Kevin	Occupational Therapist
Storke, Jennifer	Special Education Teacher
Lyesiuk, Nicole	Kindergarten Paraprofessional
Wells, Linda	Noon Aide
Putnam, Daniel	.5 PreK Teacher
David, Andrew	TLC Paraprofessional

Hamlett, Reilly	Special Ed Paraprofessional
Barrett, Alexis	Special Ed Paraprofessional
Whitman, Megan	Special Ed Paraprofessional
Mattson, Kirsten	Communication
	Liaison Paraprofessional
DeLuccia, John	Noon Aide
Sykes, Cinthia	TLC Teacher
Burke, Colleen	Special Ed Paraprofessional
Bartak, Kayley	Special Ed Paraprofessional
DeLuccia, Lilyanna	Noon Aide
Suzor, Annette	Noon Aide
Cosby, Lisa	Noon Aide
Baire, Kalliah	Certified Teacher

Faculty and Staff Retirements

The following faulty/staff members retired at the conclusion of the 2019-2020 school year:

Andrews, Kirsten	Building Substitute-FH
Mitchell, Janet	Grade I Teacher
Thomas, Tari	Superintendent
Phillips, Rebecca	Director of Special Education

We offer our thanks and appreciation to our retirees whose work has impacted countless children and has had a profound impact on the Orange Elementary Schools!



MSBA and the Dexter Park School

The Town of Orange approved the debt-exclusion of approximately $23. I million to fund the Town portion of the addition/renovation project at Fisher Hill Elementary School. This was done in two phases - at the June 15th Town Meeting and then with the town vote on June 22nd. The Massachusetts School Building Authority is funding over $34 million for the construction.

Hired to work on the project is Hill International, Inc. serving as project manager and Rockland based Raymond Design Associates are architecting the design.

According to the MSBA, the proposed project would create a new 97,115 square foot facility, allowing the school district to replace two aging facilities it states have deficiencies including outdated mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems as well as structural deficiencies hindering accessibility.

Since the vote of approval, the Project Manager, Architect and School Building Committee have been meeting at least monthly to design the building before going out to bid and beginning the actual construction. Expected completion date is September 2023.

Enrollment for 2019-2020:

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	PK	K	1	2	3	4	5		Total
Fisher Hill	39	66	64	65					234
Dexter Park					69	70	62	99	300
									534



Orange Elementary At-A-Glance for 2019-2020:

Enrollment	534
Average Class Size	21.6
Student Attendance Rate	94.7%
Number of Teachers	41.9
Student to Teacher Ratio	14:1
Students with Disabilities	29.4%
Economically Disadvantaged	63.9%
High Needs	73%
English Language Learners	1.1%
School Choice In	13.5
School Choice Out	75.1
Students Per Computer	2
Classrooms on the Internet (%)	100%

The Pandemic Changed Our Educational Program

As the Orange Elementary School year progressed there were many important decisions made in order to provide the very best student outcomes for our children's future. A great deal of thought was put into the selection of a new reading program which was set to launch at the begin of the 2020/2021 school year. This program along with the continued partnership of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) should improve our students' reading. The teaching staff were getting ready to begin initial training in the new program when the COVID-19 Pandemic hit.

On March 16, 2020 the Orange School District changed from in person learning to a remote model based on the Governor's orders to remain at home. We expected that this would only be a brief pause in our educational model for about two weeks. We received guidance to provide students with enrichment opportunities during this time of uncertainty because not all students across the state had equal access to materials and technology to ensure constant educational access.

As a District we learned a great deal about our capabilities and areas where we needed to improve in remote instruction. As the weeks of at home instruction continued, we recognized that this situation was going to impact our students learning significantly. The District responded by working with our IT vendor Suzor to order needed technology to ensure our students had the devices they needed. Staff adapted to this new remote learning model, learning how to manage classrooms and provide instruction online. We are very proud of our students and our staff who were able to manage these new situations through the end of the 2019/2020 school year. We also came to realize that the pandemic was not going to graciously disappear at the start of school vacation in June. The Administrative team and Orange Elementary Administration continued to work on remote learning plans through the summer of 2020.

Student Assessment Performance 2020
The regularly scheduled battery of student assessments was disrupted for the 2019-2020 school year due to the pandemic. The schools administered our local assessment in the Fall of 2020.

We compared Fall 2019 STAR Reading assessment data to Fall 2020 data. A decrease in proficiency was noted at all grade levels except for Grade 5.

STAR Mathematics assessment data however, revealed that while students in Grades 1, 4, and 5 saw a decrease in student proficiency levels and students in Grades 2 and 3 saw slight increases in proficiency levels and students in Grade 6 saw a 7% increase.

Please note that student cohort growth is typically measured using Fall to Spring data points. However, due to school closures because of the pandemic, Fall to Fall scores were used. This means that the state data compares different grade levels (cohorts) from one year to the next. Also, students who tested in the Fall of 2020 tested remotely and had significant gaps in instruction due to ever changing State guidelines in the Spring regarding instructional expectations.

*Due to the cancellation of MCAS for the Spring of 2020, all schools in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts maintained the same accountability rating and level they received in 2018-2019.

Overall Classification: Requiring assistance or intervention

- In need of focused/targeted support
- Among the lowest performing 10% of schools
- Low subgroup performance: White

Accountability Percentile: 9 (down from 11 in 2018)

- English language arts (all students): declined
- Mathematics (all students): met target
- Science (all students): declined (grade 5)

- ELA growth (all students): Typical Growth - Low (42.1)
- Mathematics growth (all students): Typical Growth - High (54.3)
- Chronic absenteeism (all students): Declined
- Assessment participation (all students): met target (99%)

This is our current baseline in the state's next-generation assessment system. Some of the ways in which we are working to narrow our schools' achievement gap and increase students' academic proficiency has been:

- professional development on meeting the needs of diverse learners o explicit instruction in social-emotional learning • an increase in our wraparound services and safety nets o exploring and choosing new evidence-based literacy and mathematics program for implementation in the 2020-2021 school year

Our schools are also working with DESE via a Massachusetts Turnaround Grant that is focused on reflection, alignment to the four overarching Turnaround Practices, incorporates evidence-based strategies and utilizes a continuous cycle of improvement to implement and assess the outcomes of sustainable improvement over time. Our work is challenging as the number of students we serve with special needs has risen 34% over the last five years.

The elementary schools recently underwent a change in administration and structure beginning in the 2019-2020 school year. While the two schools have always shared a common physical campus,they previously maintained separate administrations. During the 2019-2020 school year, the two schools began the process of merging under one administration (1 principal, 2 Deans of Students). We are seizing this unique opportunity to build structures that bring increased coherence and alignment in:

-Staff and student culture
-Professional development

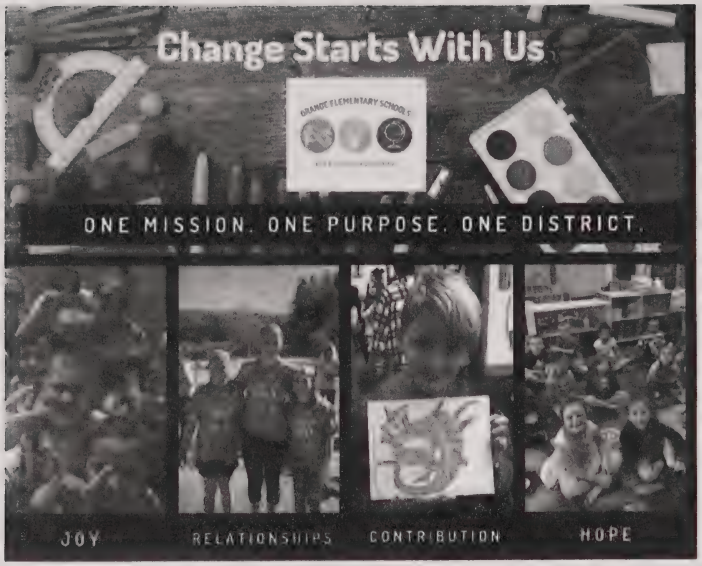
-Curriculum development, implementation and evaluation

-Teacher understanding of grade level expectations for student performance, common assessment practices, regular data review, and implementation of evidence based practices

-Tiered systems of support and interventions for students, both for academics and behavior, that use ongoing data collection and review process to make decisions for student programming and resource allocation

-Structures that allow ongoing communication for staff in school/district level decisions and school improvement efforts -Expectations and evaluation of staff

-Allocation of resources (staff and budget) to support Tiered instruction



Key Turnaround Practices:

-Leadership, Shared Responsibility, and Professional Collaboration:

The school will utilize a shared leadership approach which includes school-wide decision making and problem solving through the school's Leadership Team, which is composed of a wide variety of school personnel and utilizes Leading Together protocols and reflections.

The school will also further develop and implement the TILT structure which allows stakeholder voice in the decision making process at school and district level.

-Intentional Practices for Improving Instruction:

A recent School Works Targeted Site Review in January, 2020 found that, "School leadership has yet to identify a clear instructional focus and shared expectations for instructional best practices that clearly address identified student-specific instructional needs. ". As a result, the Leadership Teams, with feedback from staff, examined John Hattie's research and chose 3 evidence-based instructional strategies that we believe will lead to positive outcomes for our students:

- Clear lesson goal/purpose
- Explicit instruction
- Formative feedback

Also identified in the site visit was the need for a " well-defined and professionally valued system for monitoring and enhancing classroom-based instruction across the school." We will address this by aligning administrative observation and feedback with our instructional focus, and by building out a system for peer-to-peer formative feedback. One TILT (Teacher Led Instructional Leadership Team)

team's focus will be primarily on providing PD and resources to staff, and selecting protocols for informal peer observations of classroom practice and the collection and monitoring of data, including looking at student work.

Using the Data Team approach that we learned through Research for Better Teaching, grade level coaches will lead data (looking at student work) protocols during PLCs that build their collective expenise in the practices that matter most for student achievement: (1) Clarify learning goals so students are crystal clear about what success looks like; (2) Plan for and infuse formative assessment practices throughout their instruction; (3) Analyze assessment results based on pre-established success criteria and identify specific errors in student thinking; and (4) Take timely, targeted action to provide feedback, reteach, and extend learning. In short, they take and analyze data frequently to make sure that each student succeeds. When teachers gain collective confidence and skill in how to improve student achievement, they can quadruple the speed of learning, literally obliterating achievement gaps, according to John Hattie's most recent research (www.corwin.com/visible learning, 2016).

-Multitiered Systems of Support

OES is implementing a Positive Behavior Support Framework through their Positive Behavior Support Team and participation in Creating and Sustaining Positive Learning Environments course from Fitchburg State, offered through the MA Focus Academy. The PBS Team's intended outcomes are:

o develop and teach tier one, proactive strategies so that problem behaviors are avoided and students are supported o develop consistent ways of responding to problem behaviors by all staff throughout the day • create clear response protocols for staff who require additional support for students during the day

0 develop, define, and teach tier 2 and 3 strategies/protocols

Additionally, with the purchase of a new literacy program, the school will be developing a robust system of student assessments (screeners, diagnostics, and formative) that will be used to address student learning needs. The assessment data will be used to measure and analyze school goals and progress, as well as monitoring student specific plans and progress.

But the state's assessment system is not the story of who we are. We are a district that strives to make a difference by utilizing our PEAK strategies prioritizing Purpose, Essential Skills, Student Agency, and Knowledge for our students.

New for 2020-2021

Core Evidence Based Curriculum, Assessment, and Interventions

o implementation of new core, standards-based reading program (Wonders 2020) o implementation of a new core, standards-based mathematics program (Zearn) o implementation of a new mathematics support program to target identified needs (ST Math — funded through a grant) o expansion of a reading support program to target identified foundational needs at the primary level (Lexia — funded through a grant) o implementation of a new standardized and normed literacy assessment system for

grades K-3 to identify reading gaps early for targeted instruction (Amplify mClass [DIBELS 8] — funded through a grant) o Afterschool targeted interventions for students identified as needing support

Professional Development

o Participation in the Early Grades Literacy Grant (EGLG) for grades K-3 which provides up to 10 hours per week of literacy coaching for teachers and administrators o Participation in Massachusetts Tiered System of Support (MTSS) for literacy for grades 4-6 which provides monthly coaching and support for administration and educators and provides training for an educator in literacy coaching (no cost to the district)

Instructional Supports, Coaching, and Fidelity to Program Implementation

- o Scheduled classroom walkthroughs to assess the implementation of the new Wonders 2020 reading program by the administration team and consultants to target supports, additional materials, and professional development to educators. The walkthrough team consists of the following individuals: Superintendent, Director of Curriculum, Director of Special Education, Principal, Building Deans, and literacy consultants o Continuation of monthly meetings with DESE SOSS staff (System of School Support) to monitor turn around practices identified by the 2020 Turn Around Site Visit conducted by School Works.
- o Continuation of monthly TILT meeting of building administration, educators, and central office staff to monitor implementation of the school's Turn Around Plan

Financial Supports

o The deliberate braiding of various grant funding (Entitlement, State, Special Education, local, and private) with district funds to provide explicit, evidence based, and target instruction, materials, professional development, and supports to increase academic proficiency for ALL students.

Parents as Partners

Support from parents is key to helping kids do well academically. Here are some ways parents can put their kids on track to be successful students.

- Attend Back-to-School Night and Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Visit the School, Its Website & Social Media pages
- Support Homework Expectations
- Send Your Child to School Ready to Learn with Nutritious Meals and Plenty of Sleep • Teach Your Child Organizational and Study Skills
- Know the Disciplinary Policies
- Get Involved
- Take Attendance Seriously
- Make Time to Talk About School

The Orange Elementary Schools also offered a parenting support program through a collaboration with Valuing Our Children and Title IV funding on "Raising A Thinking Child" which provided workshops for parents and caregivers on teaching their children how to resolve conflict and get along with others. Participants also received high quality children's books for sessions to build their home library to support literacy development in the home.

These early years of schooling are an important time for parents to be informed and supportive about their child's education and to set the stage for children to develop and grow as young learners.

The dedication of the faculty, staff, and administration, as well as the tremendous efforts made by School Committee members, is making a difference for children of Orange.

Respectfully submitted by:

Dr. Elizabeth Zielinski

Superintendent of Schools

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE RALPH C. MAHAR REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Committee Member	Town	Term Expires
Peter Cross, Chair	Orange	2022
Patricia Smith, Vice-Chair	Orange	2021
Carla Halpern	New Salem	Appointed
Lynn Peredina	Petersham	Appointed
Maryann Reynolds	Petersham	2022
Jack Radner	Wendell	Appointed
Christopher Paul	Orange	2022
Patrick Davis	Orange	2023
Sunday Lefebvre	Orange	2023
Chanté Jillson	Orange	2021
Dainne Salcedo	Orange	Appointed



STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Astrid Conrod

Dr. Elizabeth Zielinski, Superintendent
Danielle Voelker, District Treasurer
Melanie Tontodonato, Director of Finance

Office Hours: 8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. Office
Telephone: 978-544-2920
District Website: http://www.rcmahar.org

To the members of the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School Committee and the voters of the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School District, I submit my Annual Report as Superintendent. The report to the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School Committee covers the period January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020. As such, all reports cover the final half of the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year and the first half of the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year.

Vision Statement

The Ralph C. Mahar Regional School, in collaboration with families, envisions a quality learning environment which values academic excellence that enables students to reach their full potential in a rapidly changing global society.

Mission Statement

The Ralph C. Mahar Regional School community will ensure teaching and learning take place in a safe, collaborative, and inclusive environment. We commit to working with families and community members to support the personal, academic, and career growth of every student. We believe that a challenging curriculum for all students, and a culture that actively welcomes all learners, will contribute to a more knowledgeable community and society. We believe that all students must be prepared with 21 st-century skills and an understanding of the demands and challenges of an ever-changing world.

MASS Superintendent's Certificate of Academic Excellence for 2019-2020

Astrid Conrod, of Orange, was our top ranked student in the senior class at Ralph C. Mahar Regional and the recipient of the MASS Superintendent's Certificate of Academic Excellence. The Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents annually designates this award for academic excellence. The award goes to a student who has shown distinction in the pursuit of excellence during their high school career. Due to COVID, the annual award banquet was cancelled. However, Astrid still received her award certificate to include in her college applications and we are all very proud of her accomplishments.

The Pandemic Changed Our Educational Program

The R. C. Mahar School year started well; students and staff worked hard and progressed through the school year. Students were excited about their sports seasons and upcoming events, especially the prom and graduation. However, R.C. Mahar, like all other schools across the Commonwealth, was impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic.

On March 16, 2020, the R. C. Mahar Regional School District changed from in-person learning to a remote model based on the Governor's orders to remain at home. We expected that this would only be a brief pause in our educational model for about two weeks. We received guidance from the State Board of Education to provide students with enrichment opportunities during this time of uncertainty. Our sports seasons were cut short, the prom was canceled, and R. C. Mahar held virtual graduation for the first time.

COVID-19 impacted every aspect of our community's daily life, including the education of our children. As a District, we learned a great deal about our capabilities and areas to improve in remote instruction. As the weeks of at-home instruction continued, we recognized that the impact on our student's learning and social-emotional needs would be impacted significantly now and in the future.

The District responded by working with our IT vendor Suzor to order needed technology to ensure our students had the devices they needed. We worked with local internet providers to make sure our students could be connected while learning remotely. Our Telemedicine counseling program expanded to meet the increased needs of our students during this time of isolation. Staff adapted to the new remote learning model, managing classrooms to provide instruction online. We are very proud of our students and our staff, who managed these new situations through 2020.

The Class of 2020 John & Abigail Adams Scholarship Awardees

These students scored advanced on one MCAS exam in E.L.A, Math or Science, Technology and Engineering and proficient or higher on the remaining two. It provides a tuition waiver up to 8 semesters at a state college or university.

Todd Chiasson	Tucker Ninteau
Jude Cook	Alexander Olivencia
Riley Drew	Simon Powell
Kane Fahey Lafreniere	Kamryn Reilly

Jordan Fournier Megan Rich
Connor Hanks Dawson Shinn
Isaiah Hill Talia Sims
Jonathan Mohony Jeremiah Teele
Alexis Mainville Shaefer Jams Temple
Thor Mead JessicaWilson
Brooke Mitchell Ceara Zhang

The Class of 2020











Class President — Megan Rich
Vice President– Jordan Fournier
Secretary – Charlotte-Torres-Zelaya
Treasurer – Jaylynn Lady
Class Motto - A Class With a Vision
Class Color- White
Class Flower- Sunflower

Graduates

Noel Abreu
Samantha Bailey
Mya Ballard
Charles Barnes
Daniela Beauvais
Nicholas Blake
Enrique Brito
Todd Chiasson
Sebastian Colon
Jude Cook
Trevor Davis
Joshua Doane
Skylar Dodge
Logan Dodge
Riley Drew
Kyla Dunphe
Jaylynn Eady
Gabriel Engerman
Kane Fahey-Lafreniere
Julia Fahlbeck

Sieyra Galvin
Caroline Gilmore
Cameron Granger
Grace Grenier
Connor Hanks
Robert Harris
Andrew Herk
Ryan Hesselton
Isaiah Hill
Pedro Jimenez
Cynthia Kelly
Kartyr Lankowski
Megan Legare
Jaydlyn Lohnes
Aiden Lupien
Natalie Lyman
Jonathan Mahony
Alexis Mainville-Schaefer
Jordan Marcinczyk
Jacob May

Natalie Merchand
Brooke Mitchell
Dyani Morgan
Tucker Ninteau
Zachary Notre
Alexander Olivencia
Courtney Page
Zachary Paluilis
Emily Paluk
Sarah Pedercini
Simon Powell
MaryAnne Prescott
Donald Rau
Kamryn Reilly
Megan Rich
Megan Robertson
Trevor Ryan
Adam Savoy
Dawson Shinn
Sara Simon

Gavin Spagnola
Justin St. Pierre
Erin Stowell
Kristopher Stroup
Peter Tattan
Jeremiah Teele
James Temple
Michael Terry
Danielle Tompkins
Charlotte Torres-Zelaya
Sean Velazquez-Lebron
Cheyenne Voudren
Taylor-Jean Wheeler
Karlie Whitmore
Jacob Whitney
Cameron Williams
Khalid Williams
Johnny Wilson
Jessica Wilson
Ceara Zhang

Jordan Fournier	Thor Mead	Samuel Simon
Cameron Gagnon	Lillian Melanson	Talia Sims

New Personnel

The district welcomed the expertise of the following new faculty staff members during the 2019-2020 school year

Name	Position
Tontodonato, Michele	Director of Finance & Operations
Bremner, Molly	Supervisor of Special Services
Kegans, Christina	MS Science
MacKinnon, Keri	MS Special Education
Hesse, Kristin	Guidance Counselor
Vuong, Riri	Food Service
Sheridan, Susan	Paraprofessional- Hall Monitor
Morris, Jessica	Librarian
Devine, William	Special Education Paraprofessional
Gilmore, Jessica	1 year LT Sub- Spanish
Larabee-Chandler, Marie	Paraprofessional

Faculty and Staff Retirements

The following faculty/staff members retired during the 2019-2020 school year

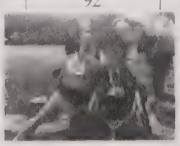
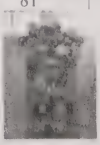
Johnson, Ruth	Night Custodian
Thomas, Tari	Superintendent of Schools
Phillips, Rebecca	Director of Special Education

We offer our thanks and appreciation to Ruth, Tari and Rebecca whose work has impacted countless students at Mahar Regional School!

R.C. MAHAR ENROLLMENT for 2019-2020

Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12	Total
102	132	110	105	92	81	623



KEY METRICS for 2019-2020

Enrollment at RC Mahar	628
Average Attendance Rate	93.9%
Average Class Size	14.0
Number of Teachers	63.3

Students with Disabilities	22.8%
High Needs	55.3%
English Language Learners	0.5%
2018 Graduation Rate	90.1%

In Conclusion

To improve student achievement at the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School, we are implementing the School Improvement Plan. Please visit our website to find the plan.

We encourage parents guardians to become involved in helping us improve our school. Some of the ways you can become involved are:

- o Encouraging your child's learning at home
- o Attending parent-teacher meetings and other special meetings
- o Serving as a volunteer in our school or district o Encouraging other parents to become involved

For more information about our school and to view the actual report card, please visit the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education at:

http://profiles.doe.mass.edu/accountability/report/school.aspx?linkid=3 1 &orgcode=07550505&orgtypecode=6&

or to request information about the qualifications of your child's classroom teachers, please feel free to contact the school at 978-544-2920.

It is with great pride and pleasure that I present the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School District's end of year report. This school is poised to make a remarkable difference in teaching and learning that is personalized as well as civic minded.

Dr. Elizabeth Zielinski
Superintendent of Schools
January 2021

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March 17, 2021

Select Board

Orange Town Hall

6 Prospect Street

Orange, MA 01364

Dear Select Board,

I am writing to provide you with an annual report on activity in Orange's Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Fund (HRRLF) account during the period **January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020**.

The terms of HRA's agreement with the Town of Orange establishes the process for handling proceeds repaid from Community Development Block Grant housing rehabilitation loans.

The following chart provides a summary of the **Financial Activity** in the Orange Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Fund account between January 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020:

A	Beginning Balance of funds in account as of December 31, 2019	$854.72
B	Deposits – loan repayment and interest	$67,141.00
C	Withdrawals – loan funds expended	$203.00
	If applicable, funds returned to Town	
D	Withdrawals – fees paid *(24%, 2% HRA, 2% DHCD* (also on Line M)	$1,342.82
E	Ending Balance of funds in account as of December 31, 2020	$7,747.90

This next chart provides information on **HOUSING REHABILITATION PROJECTS** completed or in progress in Orange between January 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020 :

F	Number of new loans closed from the HRRLF (1/1/20 – 12/31/20)	0
G	Total amount of new loan funds committed	$203.00
H	Loan funds committed after 12/31/20	$7,747.90

Rental Assistance • Housing Development • Housing Management • Community Development
Municipal Assistance • Rehab Financing • Homeownership • Public Infrastructure
Equal Housing Opportunity

United Way
Partner Agency

HRA administers the Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Fund for the town on a fee-for-service basis. HRA charges two types of fees: a program administration fee at the time that loans are initiated, and a loan servicing fee deducted at the time that loans are repaid. The fee structure, per the signed contract dated 1/23/2013, provides for a 24% program administration fee and a 2% loan servicing fee. The Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development also requires the town to pay a 2% fee on funds deposited and retained in the revolving loan fund during the preceding calendar year. The following chart provides a summary of fees paid between January 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020.

I	HRA program administration fees	$.00
K	HRA loan servicing fees	$1,342.82
L	DHCD program fees	$.00
M	Total fees	$1,342.82

As of December 31, 2020, the balance of all outstanding housing rehabilitation mortgages in the Town of Orange was $2,856,550.39 and there is/are WAITLIST of 9 household(s) in Town for loans. These households will continued to be addressed through the grant-funded housing rehabilitation program, and funds returned to the Revolving Loan Fund will be added to the grant funds.

HRA appreciates the opportunity to assist residents of Orange through the Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Fund program. If you know of any residents who could benefit from this program, please refer them to us.

Regards.

Community Development

QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT 2018
QPR # 9 – 2018 – Orange – 00834
Narrative Description 09.30.20

1. **Management/Administrative Issues:** None to report

2. **Project Status/Accomplishments:**
HOUSING REHAB: The goal of this grant activity is to complete housing rehab work on 15 units in the town of Orange; 18 housing units were completed

Units Complete	18
Units under Construction	0
Units in scoping and bidding	0
Applications in Review	0
TOTALS	18

LEAD PAINT REPORTING:

- Applicable Lead Paint Requirement:

Housing Constructed before 1978	10
Exempt: Housing Constructed 1978 or later	4
Otherwise exempt	4
Exempt: Hard costs <= $5,000	0
TOTAL	18

- Lead Hazard Remediation Actions:

Lead Safe Work Practices (24 CFR 35.930(b)) (Hard Costs <= $5,000)	0
Interim Controls or Standard Practices (24CFR 35.930 © (Hard costs $5,000 - $25,000)	1
Abatement (24CFR 35.930 (d) (Hard Costs > $25,000)	9
TOTAL	10

PERFORMANCE MEASURES – ACTIVITY 4C:

- Housing Rehabilitation Units

Units occupied by elderly	8
Units moved from substandard to standard	18
Units made accessible	2
Units qualified as EnergyStar	15
# brought into compliance with lead safety rules	10

3. PUBLIC BENEFIT: N/A

4. PROGRAM INCOME: None received this quarter ending 09.30.20.

QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT 2019
QPR #6 – 2019 – Orange – 00864
Narrative Description 12.31.20

1. **Management/Administrative Issues:** DHCD extended administration of grant activities to March 31, 2021.

2. **Project Status/Accomplishments:**
HOUSING REHAB: The goal of this grant activity is to complete housing rehab work on **8 units** in the town of Orange and HRA is working with 12 housing units: 4 unit complete, 2 under construction, 4 in scoping and bidding and 2 applications currently under review.

	TOWN OF ORANGE
Units Complete	4
Units under Construction	2
Units in scoping and bidding	4
Applications in Review	2
TOTALS	12

LEAD PAINT REPORTING:

☐ Applicable Lead Paint Requirement:

a.	**Housing Constructed before 1978**	3
b.	Exempt: Housing Constructed 1978 or later	1
c.	Otherwise exempt	2
d.	Exempt: Hard costs <= $5,000	0
	TOTAL	3

☐ Lead Hazard Remediation Actions:

Lead Safe Work Practices (24 CFR 35.930(b)) (Hard Costs <= $5,000)	0
Interim Controls or Standard Practices (24CFR 35.930 © (Hard costs $5,000 - $25,000)	0
Abatement (24CFR 35.930 (d) (Hard Costs > $25,000)	3
(must equal sum in "a." above) TOTAL	3

PERFORMANCE MEASURES – ACTIVITY 4C:

- Housing Rehabilitation Units

Units occupied by elderly	3
Units moved from substandard to standard	6
Units made accessible	1
Units qualified as EnergyStar	5
# brought into compliance with lead safety rules	3

SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES:

CHD Recovering Families Initiative: HRA conducted program monitoring via teleconference this quarter.

Continued training and meetings with staff and clinicians regarding the move to telehealth support. Recruitment and program operations had been delayed due to COVID19 restrictions but commenced this quarter and communication with agencies, schools, mental health agencies, probation departments, etc..

promoted referrals to our programs. Welcome bags were prepared for each group participant and weekly programming meetings have begun. The activity concluded this quarter.

LIFEPATH, Inc. Home Delivered Meals: HRA conducted program monitoring via teleconference this quarter. The Home Delivered Meals program continues to implement their comprehensive safety and continuity plan in order to ensure service to any eligible person. Meals and wellness checks are continuing to be operational 3 days a week and changes to the meal delivery model have been made to include delivery of frozen or chilled meals. The activity concluded this quarter.

LITERACY PROJECT Orange Career Pathways: HRA conducted program monitoring via teleconference this quarter. Programs were operated through Google Meet and Google Classroom and adaptations have been made for inconsistencies in student computer literacy skills. The activity concluded this quarter.

QUABBIN MEDIATION Training & Mediation: HRA conducted program monitoring via teleconference this quarter. Quabbin Mediation staff has shifted mediation and training work entirely remotely through telephone, email and video conferencing for all trainings and mediations. The activity concluded this quarter.

SEEDS OF SOLIDARITY Security & Self Sufficiency: HRA conducted program monitoring via teleconference this quarter. This quarter saw a tremendous increase in food distribution, now every other week, to include fresh fruits and vegetables from local farms. Quotes from participants: *"My kids enjoy the fruit the most!" "I'm able to make our food budget last longer" "The program has helped our family budget and has provided healthy foods!"* The activity concluded this quarter.

3. PUBLIC BENEFIT: N/A

4. PROGRAM INCOME: None received this quarter ending 12.31.20.

2020 REPORT OF THE

FRANKLIN COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

To the Residents of the Solid Waste District:

The Solid Waste District was formed in 1989 to help Franklin County towns manage all aspects of their solid waste – recyclables, organics, hazardous waste, wastewater treatment sludge, and trash. We continue to provide assistance to twenty-one member towns through administrative support, professional consultation, trainings, and outreach to residents and businesses.

As many residents were home-bound there was an increase in trash and recycling tonnage. A review of recycling tonnage for 2020 shows an increase of 100 tons of recycling compared to 2019. District residents recycled just over 2,800 tons of paper and containers. The recyclables were processed at the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility and sold for recycling primarily to domestic companies. This is the first year in which towns had to pay a recycling processing fee to the facility operator. However, recycling markets have rebounded at the end of 2020 and some commodities are selling at record amounts. This helps offset or reduce the processing fee for all towns.

The pandemic resulted in the cancellation of both 2020 Clean Sweep collection events.

We did hold our annual household hazardous waste collection in September 2020. This event allows residents to properly dispose of toxic cleaners, automotive products, pesticides, and other toxic products. We adjusted our collection protocol to account for health and safety requirements during the pandemic. A total of 440 households participated in this event. This is over a 15% increase from 2019 and most likely due to the pandemic and residents being home.

We applied for and received grants from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection worth $115,000 for District towns. Some grant funding is a result of a town's successful waste management infrastructure. Other grants include equipment to make town transfer stations more efficient.

If you have questions about District programs, call us at 413-772-2438 (MA Relay for the hearing impaired: 711 or 1-800-439-2370 TTY/TDD), visit our website at www.franklincountywastedistrict.org or visit us at 117 Main St., 2nd Floor in Greenfield.

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Franklin Regional Council of Governments Services to Orange in 2020

The FRCOG provides planning services, programming, and advocacy to all County municipalities. Our municipal service programs – Collective Purchasing, Cooperative Public Health, Cooperative Inspection, and Town Accounting – are available to any municipality. Partnership For Youth provides substance use and chronic disease prevention; The Planning Department assists with local planning and larger regional projects; and the Emergency Preparedness and Homeland Security Programs prepare and train first responders and health officials.

The COVID-19 pandemic modified the ways we did business in 2020, and while the attention of some staff shifted towards pandemic response, our typical work did not stop, nor did our mission to serve the interests of citizens, municipalities, and the region as a whole. While we've included some of that work here, *FRCOG's 2020 Annual Report*, published this spring, will further summarize our regional efforts. The following pages primarily list services specific to Orange.

COVID Response and Recovery

The FRCOG was active in regional and municipal COVID response and recovery in numerous ways, including:

- Advocated for changes to laws and regulation needed to run municipalities remotely
- Conducted a business impact survey to understand how to allocate emergency funding to protect the regional economy
- Monitored active cases and conducted contact tracing for 19 towns
- Opened the Multi-Agency Coordination Center to disseminate situation reports to municipalities, responders and other stakeholders
- Launched a weekly newsletter of resources and support for parents & guardians of school-aged children
- Facilitated the distribution of PPE to area hospitals and responders, and facilitated a collective purchase of PPE for municipalities, non-profits and businesses
- Managed and distributed emergency funding to local Boards of Health; secured $6,000 in COVID emergency funds to cover the cost of COVID case management for Orange.
- Managed and distributed emergency funding to local Boards of Health
- Assisted the Board of Health in identifying contact tracing support for COVID case management
- Provided mask order and social distancing signage for use at town facilities and businesses
- Convened regular meetings of public health and municipal stakeholders to coordinate COVID response.

Climate Resilience

- Worked with a town committee to finalize the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan that meets FEMA requirements, is valid for 5 years, and makes the town eligible for pre- and post-disaster FEMA funds.

Finalized work on the town's Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) plan. The town will be designated as an MVP Community officially in 2021.

- Met with the Highway Superintendent to identify potential green infrastructure stormwater best management practices for integration into downtown revitalization projects, as part of the Franklin County Sustainable Stormwater Pilot Project.
- Assisted the Energy Committee with completing the FY20 Green Communities Annual Report.

Economic Development

- Coordinated three meetings of a collaborative group that includes local municipal staff and officials with FRCOG, Montachusett Regional Planning Commission and North Quabbin Chamber of Commerce to discuss economic development and transportation issues.
- Incorporated the LaunchSpace's North Quabbin Program, Putnam Cottages Village, South Main Street Infrastructure Project, and Butterfield School Adaptive Reuse projects into the 2020 CEDS plan.
- Provided support to Greenfield Community College and LaunchSpace for a project application to the US Economic Development Administration.
- Prepared a site profile for the virtual 2020 Western Mass Developers Conference.
- Completed a Phase I Brownfields environmental site assessment.
- Coordinated the EPA Region 1 Emergency Removal Team to evaluate a Brownfields site downtown.
- Completed a data request for LaunchSpace.

Finance and Municipal Services

- Organized and facilitated educational information meetings for members of town's energy committees, including presenting information on various topics and conducting follow-up communication.
- Orange contracted with the FRCOG to receive collective bid pricing for highway products and services, including rental equipment and drone services; heating and vehicle fuel; elevator maintenance; fire alarm services; and water treatment chemicals.

Land Use and Natural Resources

- Provided the Community Development Director with maps of zoning districts, land parcels, and water/sewer locations, to support grant applications.
- Began developing a Pollinator Action Plan for Orange as part of the Regional Pollinator Plan for Franklin County.
- Reviewed and prepared potential revisions to the town's Zoning Bylaws and Subdivision Regulations to support Pollinator Habitat.
- Prepared a scope of work and budget to assist the town with a grant application and the procurement of a consultant to update the town's zoning bylaws.

Public and Community Health

Orange is not a member of FRCOG's public health district but did benefit from regional services provided for COVID response and recovery *(see above)*. In other initiatives, program staff:

- Conducted a Teen Health Survey to assess teen attitudes and behavior among middle and high school

students. Staff reported to RC Mahar Regional School District administrators on results from 198 Mahar students, representing 70% of the 8th, 10th, and 12th grade classes. Survey data meets federal requirements for the school and is valuable for grant writing and program planning.

- Provided training, technical assistance, and evaluation for the evidence-based LifeSkills substance use prevention curriculum in the RC Mahar Regional School District.
- Provided materials and guidance on vaping prevention and intervention and a list of resources for advancing racial justice in school districts/schools to the RC Mahar Regional School District.
- Organized a community showing and discussion of the documentary *I'm Not Racist....Am I?* at which Mahar students and staff participated.
- Compiled and distributed the *Coalition Connections* newsletter, which provides information and resources for families, human service providers and educators during the pandemic to support health and prevent youth substance use.

Training and Education

The following list represents the FRCOG workshops and training sessions that Orange public officials, staff, and residents attended, and the number in attendance.

Cooperative Purchasing

Purchasing Roundtable for Highway Supers – 1

Emergency Prep & Homeland Security

Radio System Migration Vendor Expo – 1

Municipal Officials' Continuing Education

Moderators' Roundtable – 1

Pandemic Support

COVID–19 Testing Capacity – 2

Municipal Reimbursement for COVID Costs – 1

Planning, Conservation & Development

Census Questionnaire Assistance Center – 1

Public Health & Community Awareness:

Communities That Care Coalition – 1

Transportation

- Completed an ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan for the town's facilities, buildings, and programs.
- Assisted the Historical Commission by helping to create a Historic Walking Tour brochure that included a map showing historic points throughout the town.
- Wrote a National Scenic Byway nomination for the Mohawk Trail Scenic Byway.
- Provided information needed for a MA Shared Streets and Spaces Program application.
- Compiled a report that provides information on past work and next steps to support the development of the Orange - Athol Greenway Project.
- Continued to work with MassDOT and the town to advance the Orange North Main Street Transportation Improvement Program project.
- Continued to assist the Route 2 Task Force with related planning, design, and construction of safety improvements for the corridor.
- Conducted traffic counts on East River Street, North Main Street, and Route 78 for the Regional Traffic Counting Program.



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES, NORTHEAST QUABBIN DISTRICT (NQD) CALENDAR YEAR 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Athol, Phillipston, Petersham, Royalston and Orange:

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts began providing for its veterans and their families in need, immediately following the Revolutionary War. In 1861, at the start of the Civil War, the state legislature formalized the assistance provided to veterans by establishing Massachusetts General Law (MGL) Chapter 115 and the Massachusetts Department of Veterans' Services (DVS).

DVS is the state's lead agency for overseeing the general welfare of the Commonwealth's nearly 400,000 living veterans. DVS establishes policy, proposes legislation, provides annual training, and ensures compliance with MGL Chapter 115 and other laws and regulations germane to serving veterans.

MGL Chapter 115: Section: 3B was passed into law by the Commonwealth during FY 2015 establishing the mandatory requirement whereby Directors of Veterans' Services/Veterans' Services Officers (VSO) must become legally certified. Mandatory recertification is required every three-years.

MGL Chapter 115 authorizes an eligible veteran to receive certain financial, medical, and other benefits earned by their military service. Services are available through the local area Director of Veterans' Services/Veterans' Services Officers living in one of the Commonwealth's 351 communities.

District Governance & Administration

The Secretary - DVS authorized the Northeast Quabbin Veterans' Services District to begin operations in January 2006. DVS requires the district to reapply every two years to continue operations. On March 7, 2017 DVS granted approval for the district to continue operating through June 30, 2021.

Pursuant to MGL Chapter 115: Section 11, for every authorized district, there shall be a Board of Directors. The board consists of a representative appointed by the Board of Selectmen from each member community. The Board establishes By-Laws to define district administration and operations compliant with MGL Chapter 115.

Led by the Director of Veterans' Services, the NQD serves veterans and dependents having a formal residence in Athol, Orange, Petersham, Phillipston and Royalston.

VETERANS PROGRAMS AND SERVICES OFFERED BY THE NORTHEAST QUABBIN DISTRICT

A. MGL Chapter 115

1. A program of financial and medical assistance that may be available to veterans and/or dependents based on eligibility requirements.
2. The following chart represents FY19 Veterans' Benefits paid, by community, to its eligible veterans and/or dependents. Benefits paid are normally reimbursed at 75% by the commonwealth. There are exceptions, where some benefits are eligible for 100% reimbursement.

FY20 VETERANS' BENEFITS DATA

Town	Benefits Paid	State Reimbursements	% Reimbursed
Athol	$196,670.01	$147,813.88	75%
Orange	$101,982.13	$76,486.62	75%
Petersham	$3,176.62	$2,382.45	75%
Phillipston	$0.00	$0.00	0%
Royalston	$2,647.20	$1,985.41	75%

3. Burials in one of two Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemeteries, Winchendon and Agawam.
4. Women Veterans' Network – Provides women veterans with information on benefits, expand awareness of the needs, and identify health and human resources to meet those needs.
5. Homeless prevention, Transitional Housing and outreach services.
6. Wartime Bonuses, Annuities, etc.
7. And more…

B. UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

1. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA): Applications for Agent Orange illnesses, Mesothelioma, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), Military Sexual Trauma (MST) service-connected disabilities, pensions, Dependency & Indemnity Compensation, healthcare, veterans' grave markers, and more.
 a. VA Compensation & Benefits (VBA) paid nearly **$1.4M** (MVSOA) dollars in annual compensation to veterans, dependents and surviving spouses living in the North Quabbin District of Athol, Orange, Petersham, Phillipston and Royalston.
 b. VA Central-Western-Massachusetts Healthcare System – Headquartered at Northampton VA Medical Center, Leeds has five Community Based Outpatient Clinics delivering medical and mental health treatment to over 90,000 veterans with an annual budget of **$250 M**.

2. Department of Defense (DOD): Military records; medical records; medals, decorations and awards not previously issued; applications to correct Military Records, and more.
3. Other Agencies including:
 a. Massachusetts Department of Health & Human Services
 b. Massachusetts Department of Workforce Development
 c. U.S. Social Security Administration
 d. U.S. Department of Labor
 e. MassHire Franklin Hampshire
 f. U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
 g. U.S. Department of Justice
 h. Other Massachusetts & U.S. Departments, Non-Profit Organizations and state agencies.

The office has continued to see an increase in the numbers of veterans applying for service-connected disabilities, both new and increases. Operating under COVID guidelines since April 2020, has seen some challenges. These challenges were met and overcome with the excellent support of the NQD town offices. The office has managed to successfully take care of all supportive needs presented by veterans' and their families.

Veterans with service-connected disabilities are eligible for VA Healthcare. All other veterans may be eligible for VA Healthcare based on defined criteria. Due to the Affordable Care Act, wartime and peacetime veterans may qualify for VA Healthcare.

I look forward to serving veterans, spouses, surviving spouse of a deceased veteran, and dependents formally residing in one of the District's communities.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah C Custer

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